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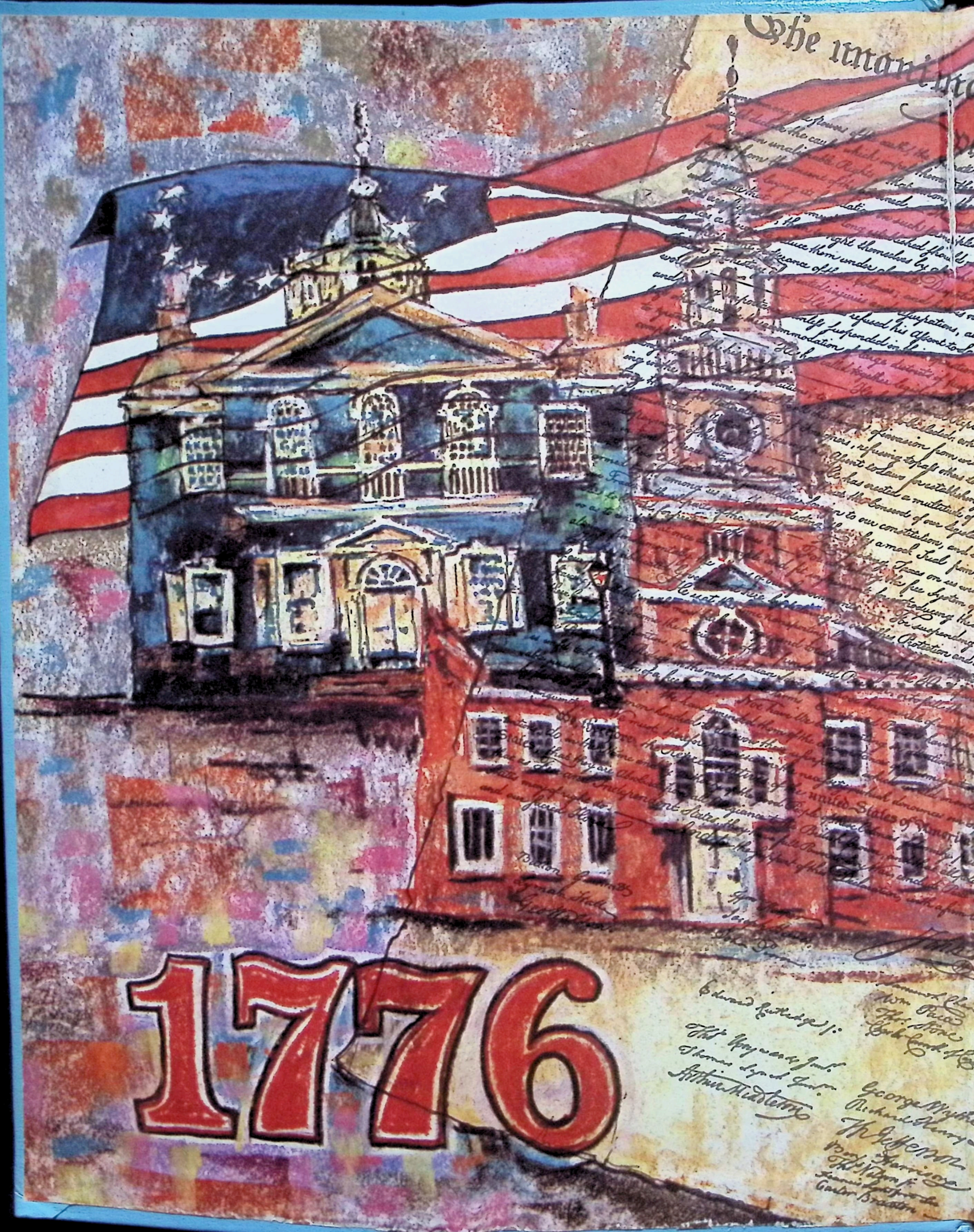
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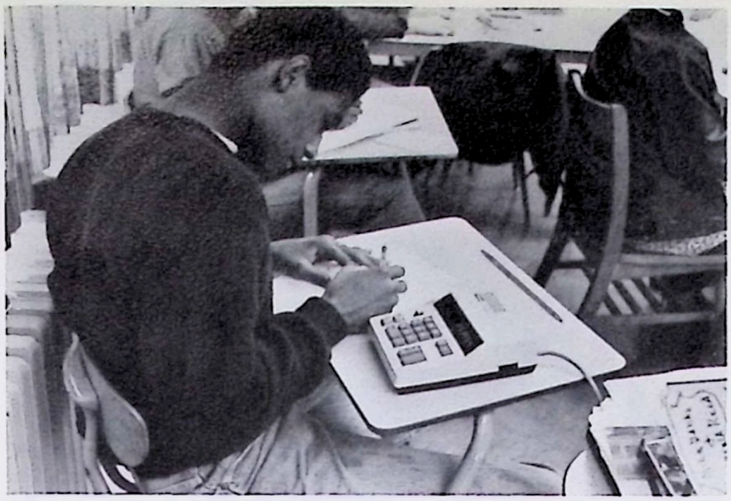

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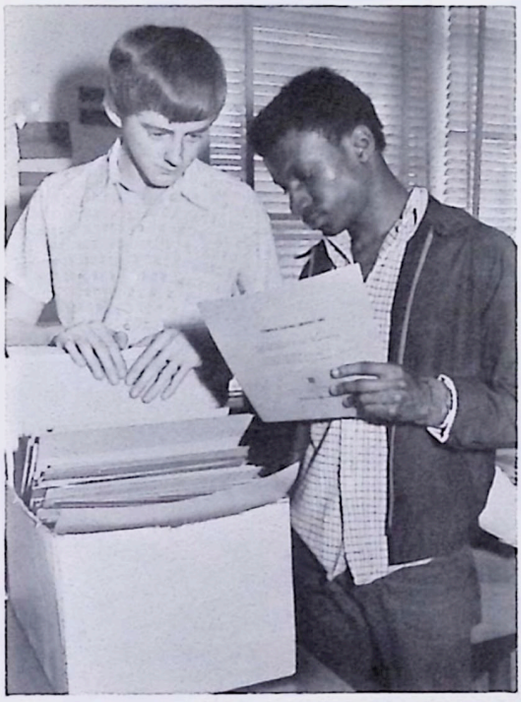

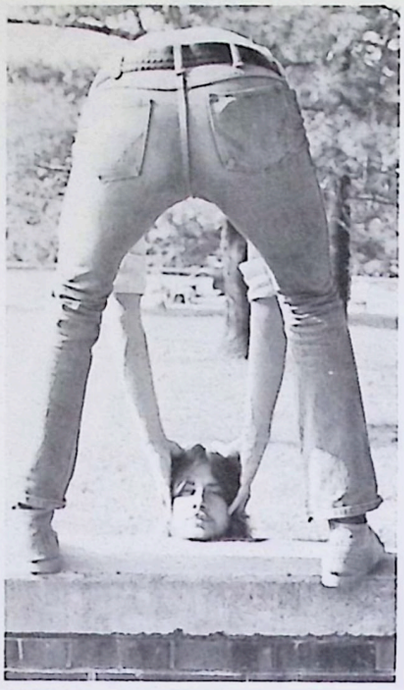

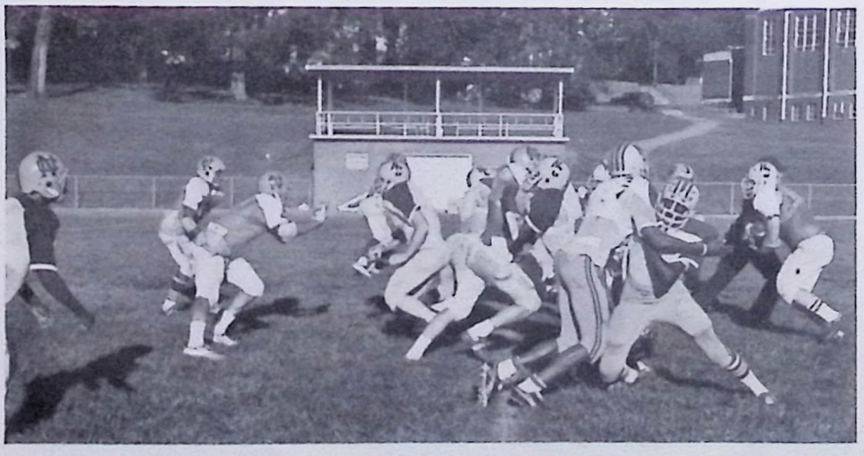

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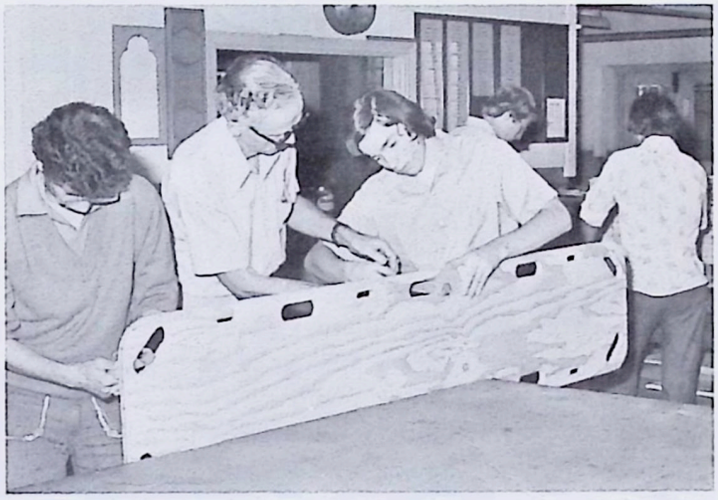


for our tomorrows are built upon what we do today.

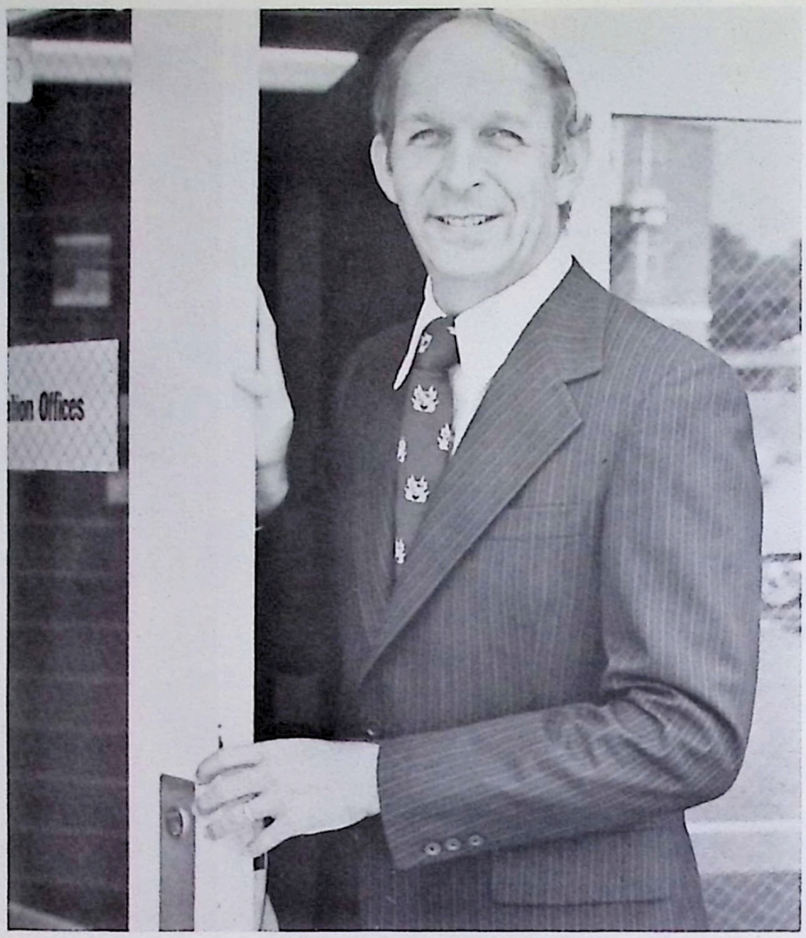
DEDICATION

MRS. JANE TAYLOR

MRS. BASHIE CRUTCHFIELD

It is with love and heartfelt gratitude that we announce the dedication of the 1976 Clock Tower to Mrs. Jane Taylor and Mrs. Bashie Crutchfield, two women who are shining stars in the history of our school. We are all better people because of their years of work in helping to illuminate our minds to the greatest and richest themes of literature and history — love, peace, and the beauty of humanity.

SUPERINTENDENT



Mr. Rance Henderson

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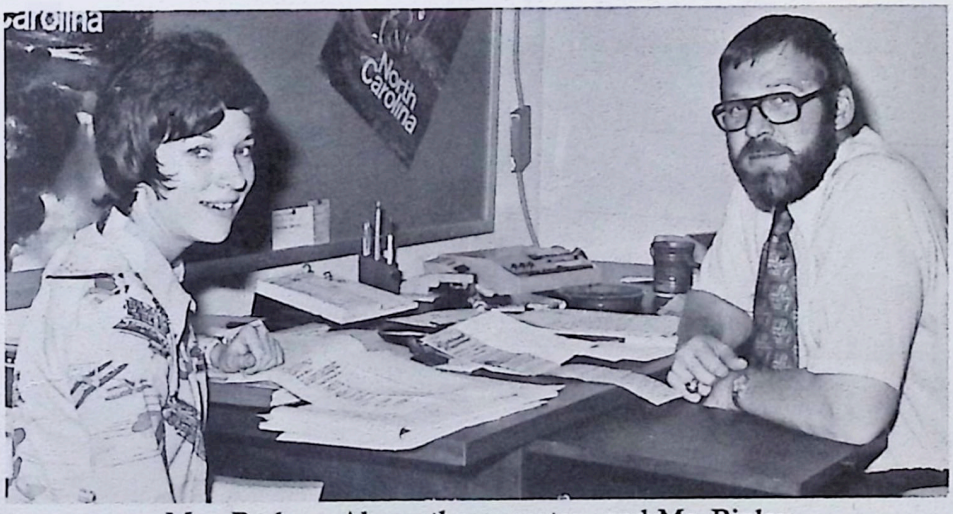
Mr. Henderson; Mrs. Rachel Kelly, *secretary.*

Mr. Henderson with his wife, Betty

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Peter Ripley



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DEAN OF STUDENTS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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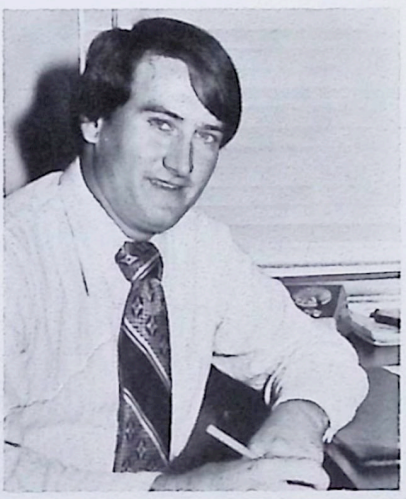

Mr. Larry Turner
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Clerk-Typist

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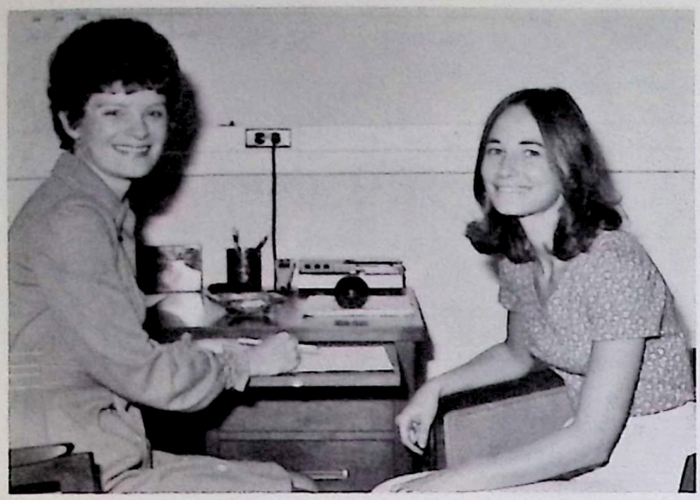

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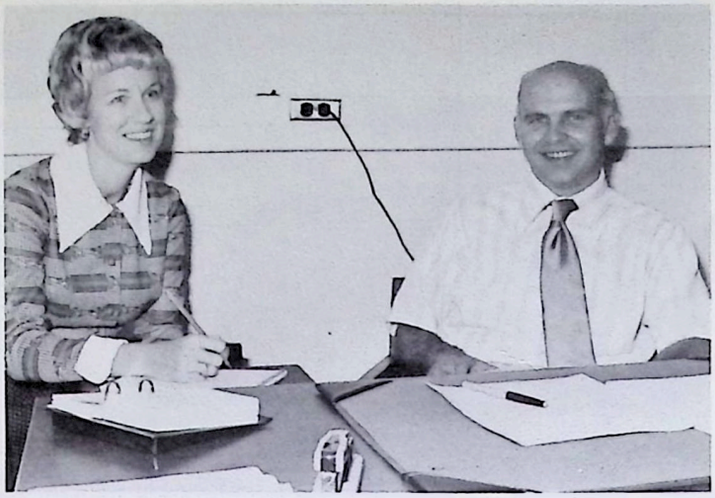
MANPOWER DIRECTOR



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PRE-SCHOOL SATELLITE PROGRAM

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MEDIA FACULTY

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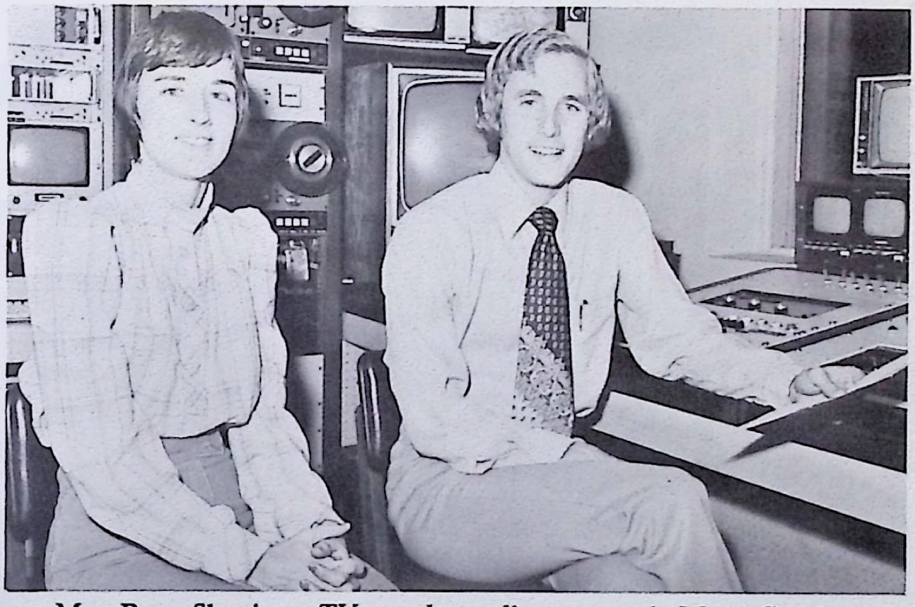
Mr. Tim Shane, *specialist* and Mrs. Norida Arrowood, *aide.*



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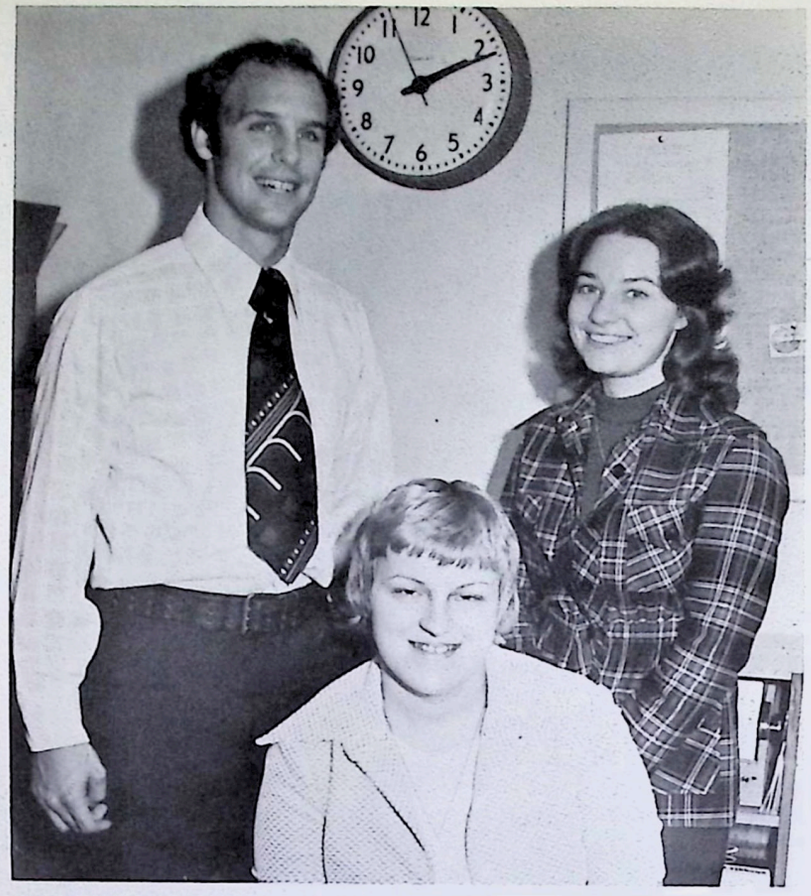

SEATED: Mrs. Brenda Autrey, *secretary;* STANDING: Mr. Dennis Wean, *director;* Miss Judy Gravalec, *speech therapist.*

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FACILITY

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ms. Maxine Tate, *vocational evaluator;* Ms. Jeanne Smith, *vocational evaluator assistant;* Mrs. Karen Scott, *secretary;* Mrs. Brenda Perdieu, *secretary;* Ms. Bertha Fields, *rehabilitation counselor;* Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, *secretary.* STANDING: Mr. Ralph Stegall, *facility administrator;* Mr. Carroll Pritchard, *Casework Technician;* Mr. Leland Rhame, *clinical audiologist;* Mr. Earl Elkins, *rehabilitation counselor.*

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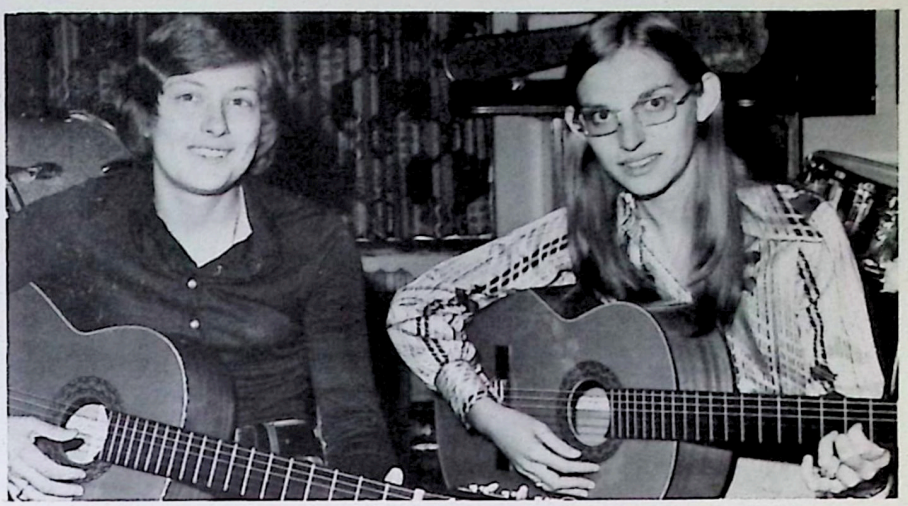

Miss Ellen Moretz, *aide* and Miss Amber Phillips, *teacher.*

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ART

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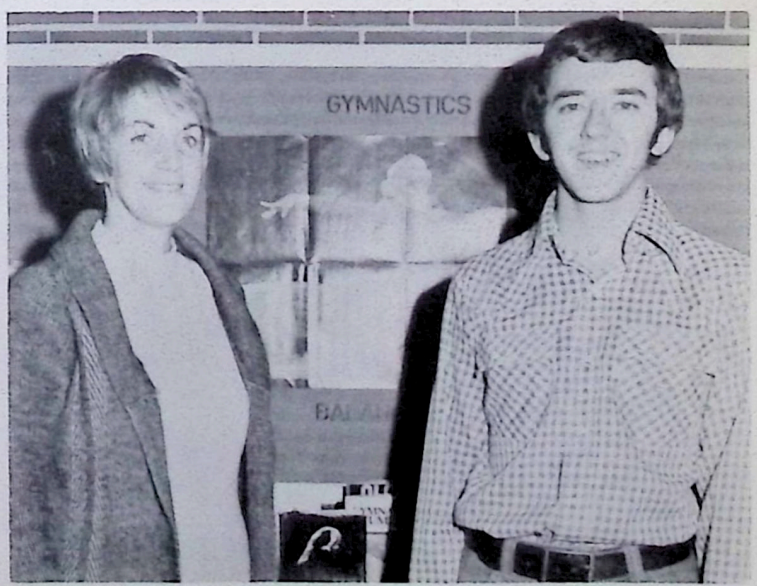

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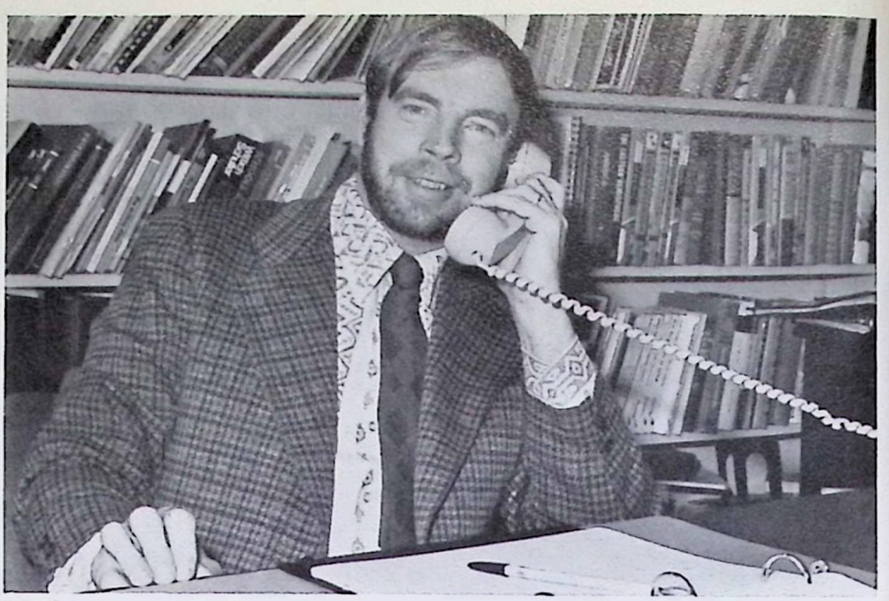

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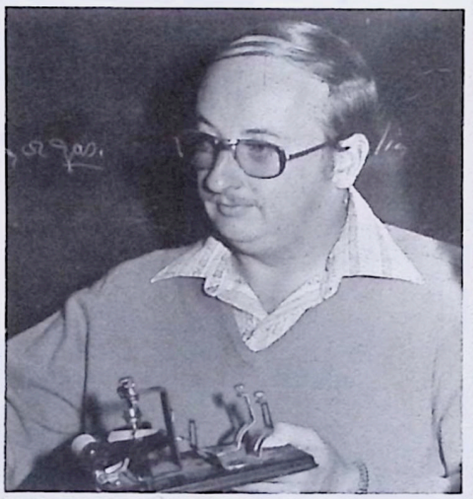

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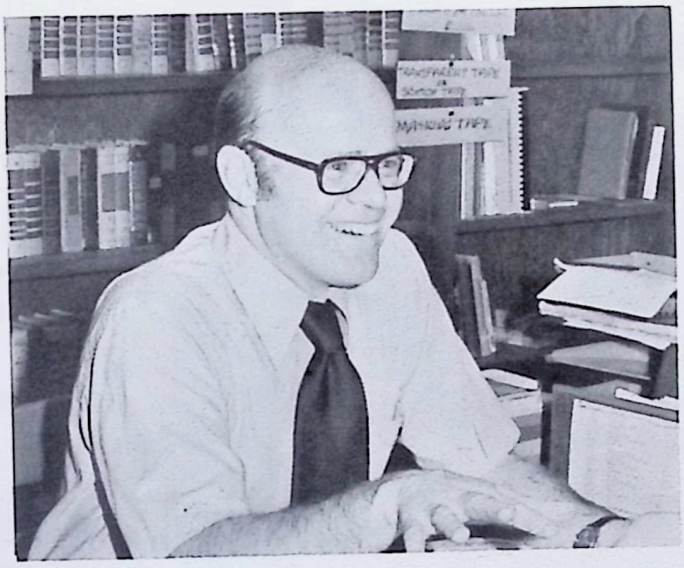

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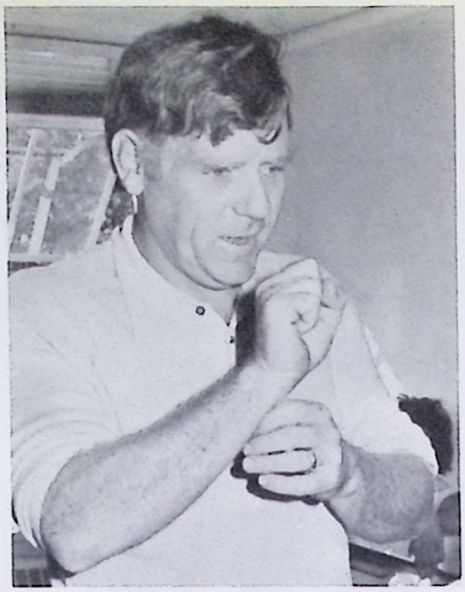

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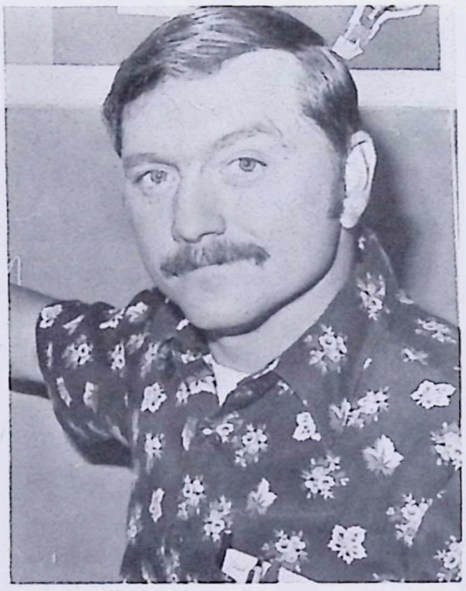

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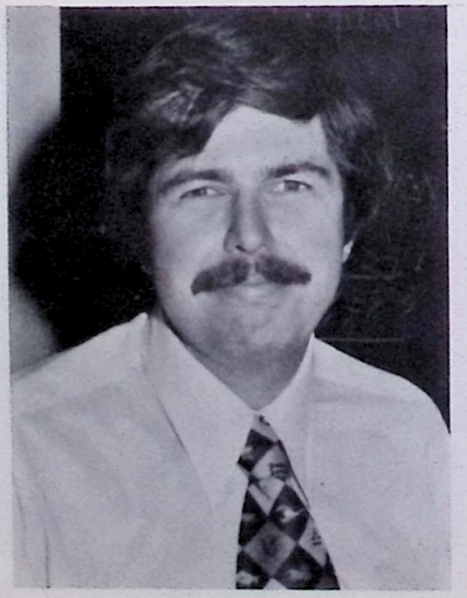

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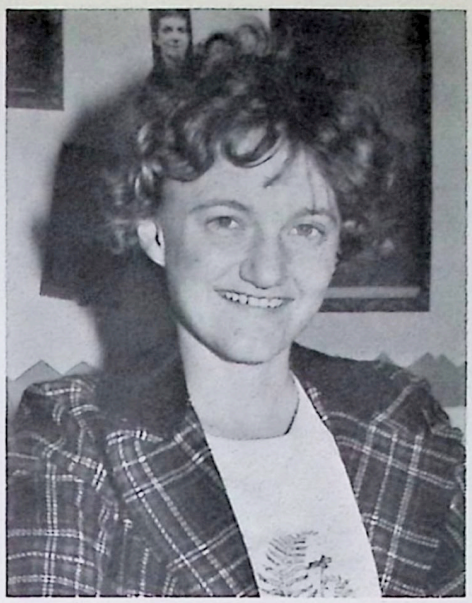

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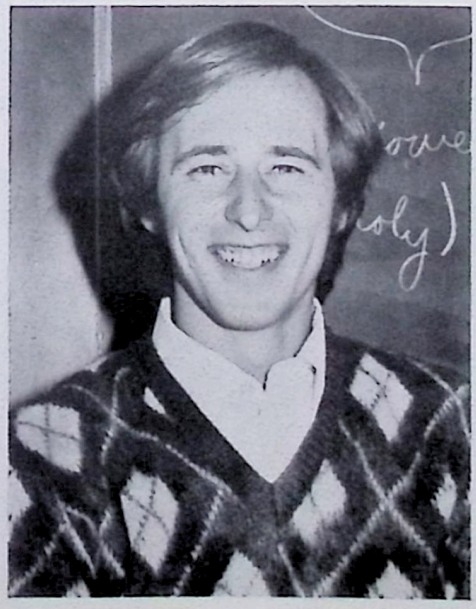

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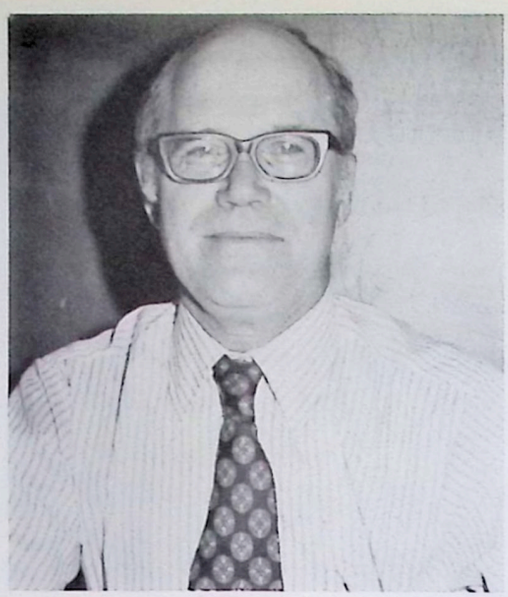

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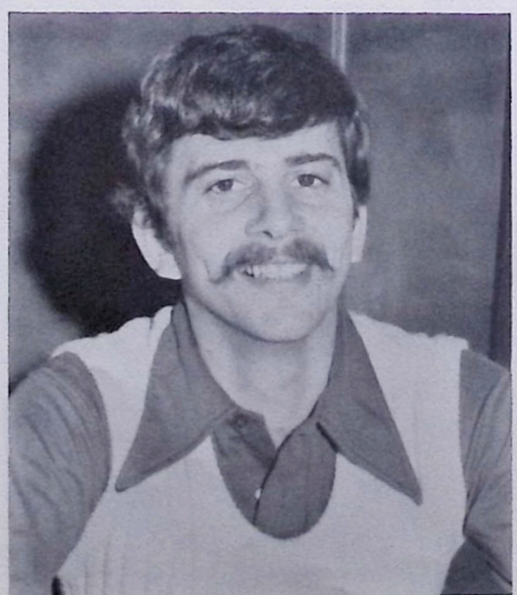

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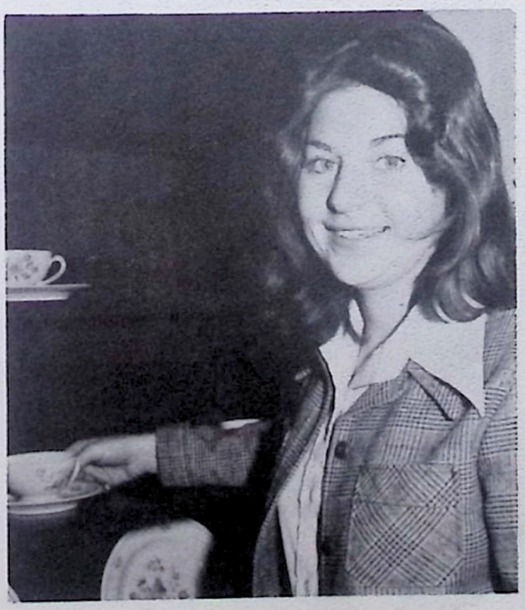

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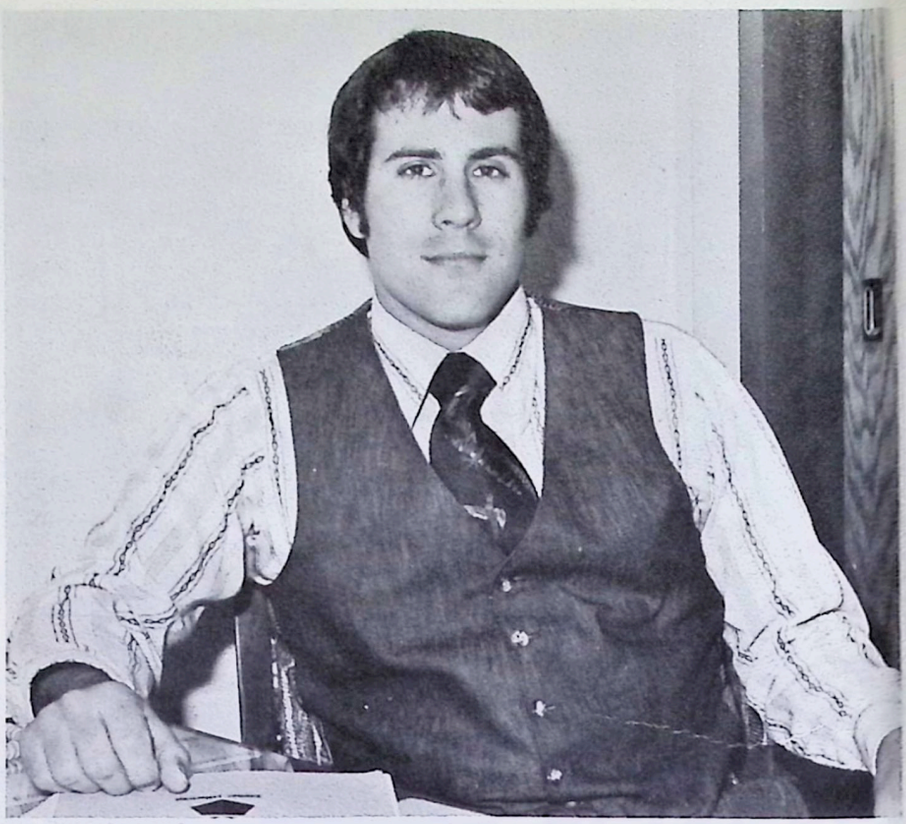

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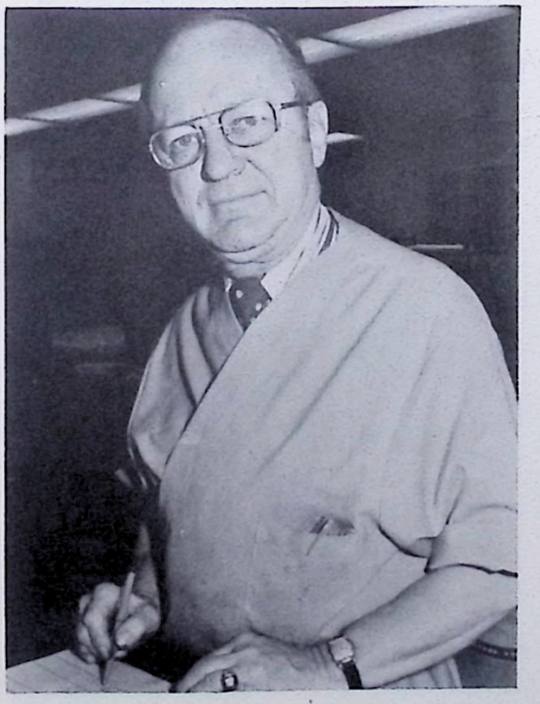

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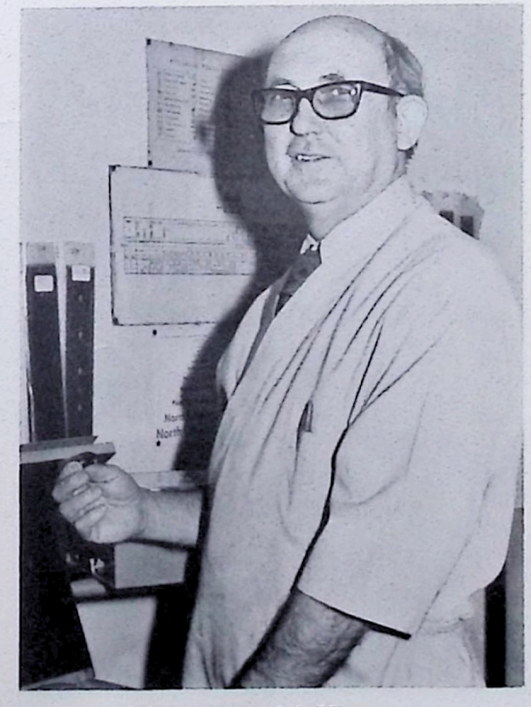

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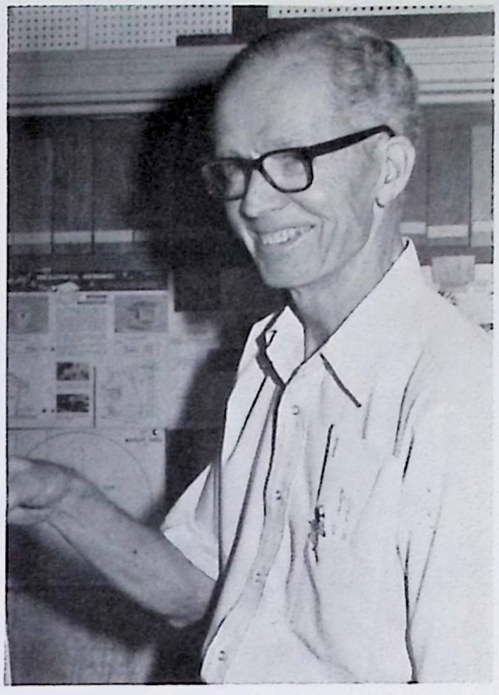

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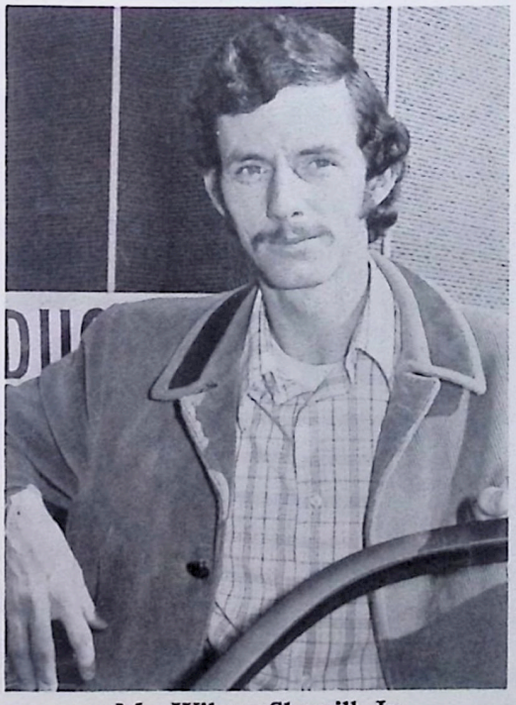

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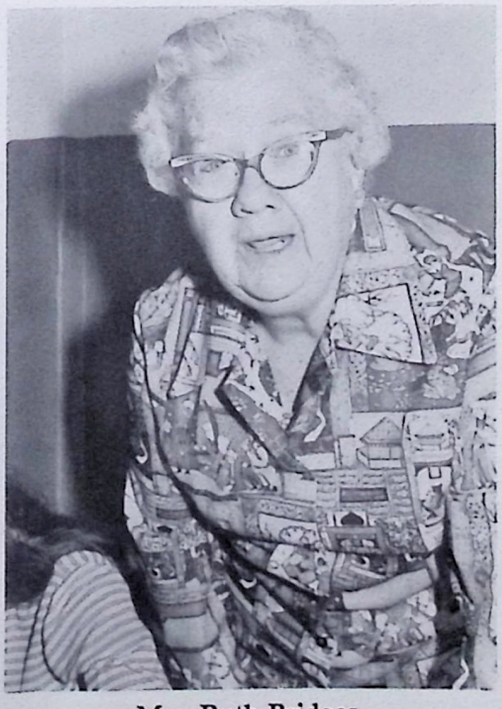

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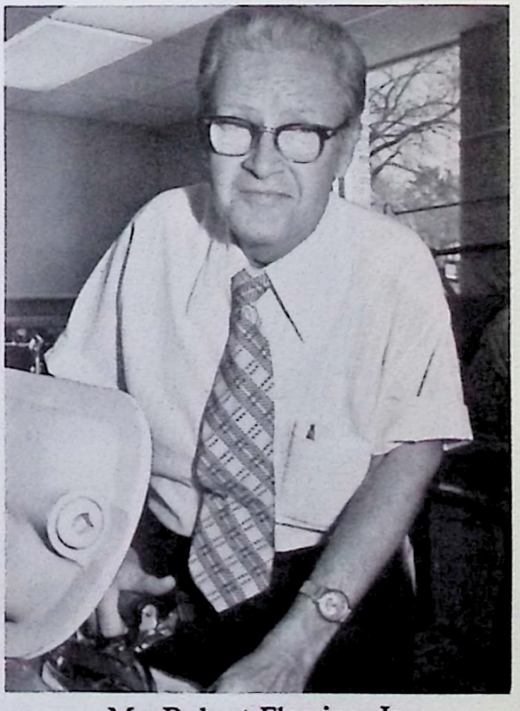


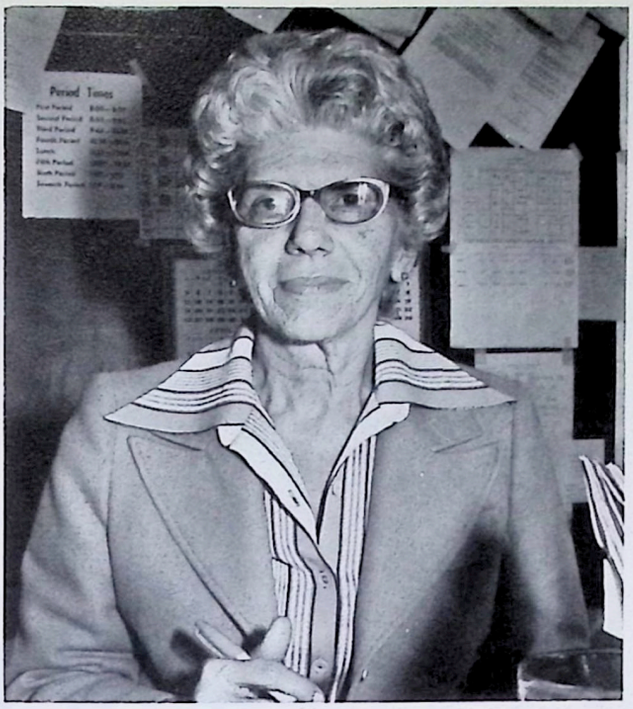
Mr. Robert Fleming, Jr.
Dry Cleaning and Pressing

JETER HALL FACULTY

Mrs. Margaret Houser
Principal

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Helen Glover, *housekeeper;* Mrs. Anna Stamps, *teacher;* Mrs. Mary Dillingham, *teacher;* Mrs. Peggy Leviner, *teacher;* Mr. Garrett Walker, *teacher;* Mr. Richard Hartwell, *teacher.* SECOND ROW: Mrs. Georgia Cates, *teacher;* Mrs. Jane McMahan, *aide;* Mrs. Merle Martin, *teacher;* Mr. Tom Maye, *teacher;* Miss Lily Schelert, *teacher;* Mrs. Sally Dixon, *teacher;* Mrs. Evelyn Watson, *teacher;* Mr. Theodore Hastings, *teacher.* NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Bonnie Shuping, *aide;* Mrs. Marie Butkus, *teacher.*

JOINER HALL FACULTY



Mrs. Meta Bigham
Principal

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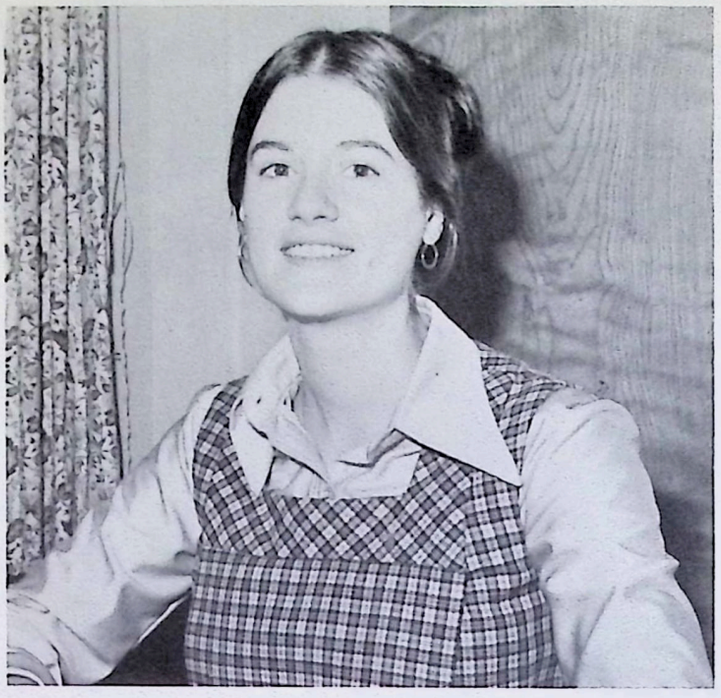

Mrs. Carol Apple
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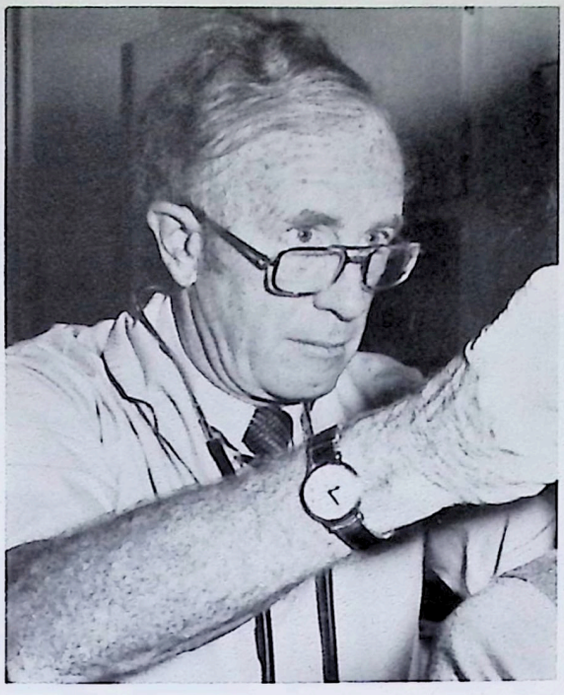

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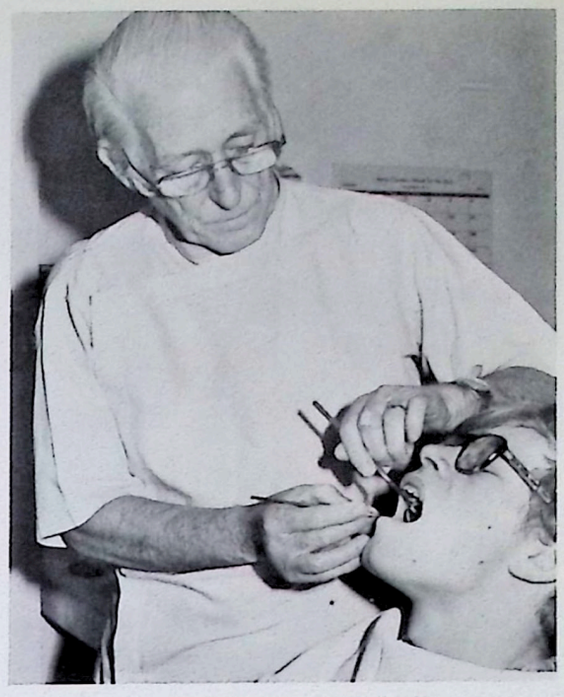

Dr. Ralph Coffey
School Dentist

Mrs. Martha Nantz
Head Nurse

Miss Evelyn Brackett

Miss Hazel Glenn

Mrs. Hazel Pritchard

DORMITORY STAFF

Main Building

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Trula Baker; Mrs. Teresa Collins. BACK ROW: Mrs. Doris Greene, *director;* Mrs. Mary Black, *assistant director;* Mrs. Robin Moore; Miss Lena Banner; Miss Dereama Sherrill. NOT PICTURED: Miss Linda VanDyke; Mrs. Pauline Grady; Mrs. Estelle Phillips; Mrs. Marlene Garcia; Mrs. Mary McRorie; Mrs. Pat Brinkley; Mrs. Barbara Cartwright; Mrs. Shirley Cowan.

Hoffmeyer Hall

FRONT ROW: Mr. Ed Plemmons, *director;* Mr. Jimmy Powell; Mr. Tony Moore; Mr. Fred Ballew; Mr. George Pierce; Mr. Johnny Pressley. SECOND ROW: Mr. Richard Bumgarner, *assistant director;* Mr. Phillip Garcia; Mr. Charles Crowe; Mr. Larry Causby; Mr. Doug Caraway. NOT PICTURED: Mr. Don Denton; Mr. Ross Johnson; Mr. Kenneth Patterson; Mr. Ervin Pearson; Mr. Bruce Senter.

Henderson Hall

FRONT ROW: Mr. Bill Hastings; Mrs. Mary Hensley; Miss Grace Canady; Mrs. Betty Lou Rochester; Mrs. Margaret McCurry; Miss Nancy Johnson. SECOND ROW: Mr. Sam McCord; Mr. Edward Robinson; Mrs. Lucy Johnson; Mrs. Josie Wilkie, *assistant director;* Miss Elgiva Shepard, *director.*

Goodwin Hall

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Carolyn Plemmons, *director;* Miss Patsy Plemmons; Mrs. Verlie Wellman; Mrs. Helen Durant. SECOND ROW: Mr. Tommy Nance; Mr. Ken Simmons; Mrs. Earlene Maye; Mr. Charles Hill, *assistant director.* NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Hazel Hartman; Mrs. Hetty Price; Mrs. Bertha Watson.

Rankin Hall

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Vallie Martin; Mrs. Clara Gilbert; Mrs. Willie DeLaughter; Miss Emmie Mace, *director.* SECOND ROW: Mr. Olen Bryant; Mrs. Betty Justice; Mrs. Frances Bumgarner, *assistant director;* Mr. Archie Johnson. NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Annie Bridges.

DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Lillian Houck
Director

Main Building

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Pearlie Mae Copeland, Mrs. Lynn Jones, Mrs. Merle Mull, Mrs. Louise Stamey. SECOND ROW: Mr. Walter Hayden, Mr. Lewis Jenkins, Mr. Bob Tate, Mr. Lawrence Moss, Mrs. Loy Lookadoo, Mrs. Elizabeth Rusmisell, *supervisor.* NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Emerson Carter, Mr. Robert Johnson, Mr. Melvin Tate.

Hoffmeyer Hall

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Betty Sigmon, Mrs. Betty Orders, Mrs. Nellie Lynch, and Mrs. Lucy Caraway. NOT PICTURED: Mr. Edward Hayden and Mrs. Betty Caldwell.

Henderson Hall

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Alice Chatman, Mrs. Emma Snipes, Mrs. Mary Lou Wakefield, Mrs. Elizabeth Craver. SECOND ROW: Mr. Carl Fullwood, Mrs. Ruth Earley, Mrs. Irene Hicks, Mrs. Martha Corpening.

Goodwin Hall

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Lucille Ramsey, Mrs. Netti Conely, Mrs. Willa Bumgarner. SECOND ROW: Mr. Albert Bristol, Mrs. Betty Caldwell, Mrs. Nellie Dale, Mr. Robert White.

Rankin Hall

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Patsy Hill, Mrs. Bertha Bivens. SECOND ROW: Mr. William Avery, Mrs. Nell Whitley, Mrs. Mary Tessneer, Mrs. Essie Gillespie, Mr. John Rutherford.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Fred Rusmisell, *plant engineer;* Mr. Charles Rusmisell, Mr. Edwin Stroud, Mr. Lonnie E. Jenkins, Mr. Charles Hibbard, Mr. Sam R. Waters, Mr. Billy Jackson. SECOND ROW: Mr. Jack Lackey, Mr. Dane Trux, Mr. Billy Kanoy, Mr. Dan W. Carson, Mr. Doug Jones, Mr. Bob McDavid, Mr. James Stillwell. THIRD ROW: Mr. Charles Gantt, Mr. Lee McKinney, Mr. Bill Harrison, Mr. Ray Hipps, Mr. Ballard Buchanan, Mr. Sam F. McPeters.

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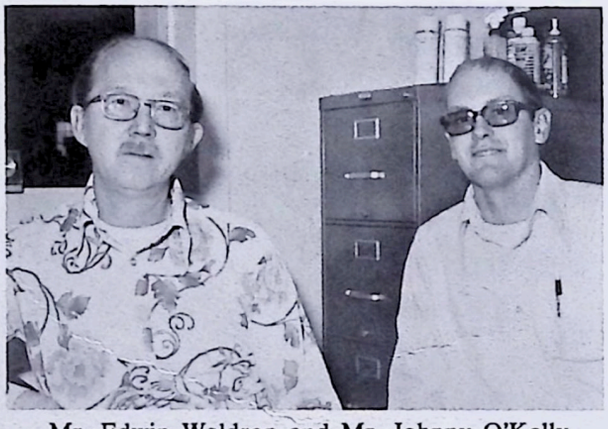


Mr. Edwin Waldrop and Mr. Johnny O'Kelly

LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT

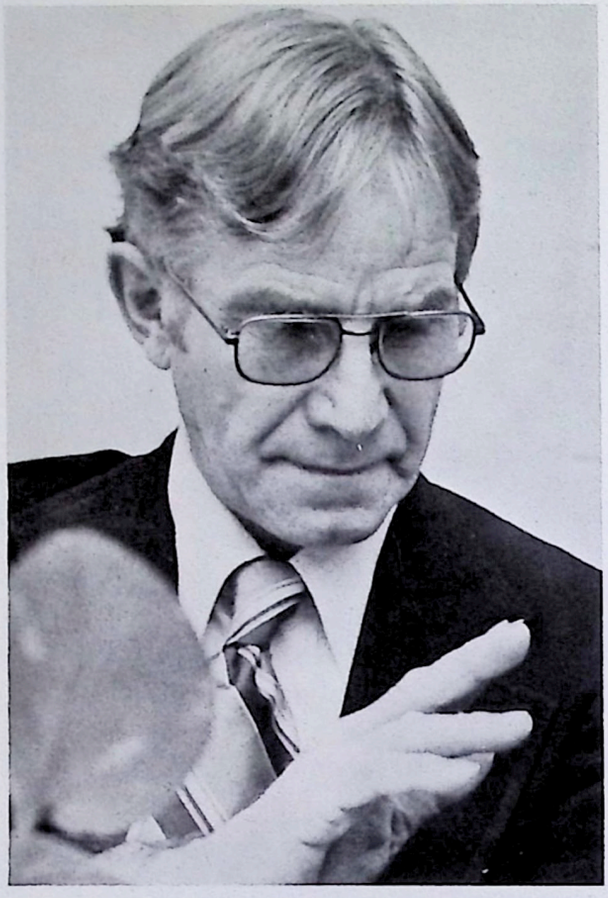
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Joe Ann Helton, Mrs. Hettie Clark, Mrs. Wilma Duckwood, Mrs. Gertie Duckwood. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Marie Pope, Mrs. Elease Powell, Mrs. Versie Whisnant, Mrs. Betty Hoglen, *Supervisor.*

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Mrs. Denise McGee, *secretary;* Mrs. Dianne Wean, *teacher;* Mrs. Jane Williams, *coordinator.*

FRONT ROW: Mr. David Ferguson, Miss Deborah Robinson, Miss Melinda Miller, Miss Sandra Breeden, Miss Sara Santiago, Mrs. Joanne Crunkleton, Miss Sally Keith, Miss Lynne Hawkesworth, Miss Nancy Collins, Miss Nancy Weidman. SECOND ROW: Miss Melody Greer, Miss Marsha Snider, Miss Elizabeth Pettit, Miss Lois Schuerman, Miss L'Tanya Fish, Miss Kay Ezzell, Miss Charlene Mullinix, Mr. Paul Boynton, Mr. Dale Sides. NOT PICTURED: Mrs. Betty Riley, Mrs. Liz Derrick, Mrs. Lynn Suttle.

In Memoriam



RALPH P. CRUTCHFIELD

1920-1976

Ralph P. Crutchfield was a prominent guiding force as a member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Schools for the Deaf. He was an outstanding deaf leader in his community and dedicated to the continuing improvement of the educational status of deaf children and adults. Mr. Crutchfield is recognized state and nationally as having been a strengthening and cohesive factor in promoting community interaction between deaf and hearing.

CLASS OF 1976

SEATED: Linda Elledge, *treasurer;* Brenda Elledge, *vice president.* KNEELING: Terry Lee, *vice president;* Don Wells, *president.* NOT PICTURED: Linda Plemmons, *secretary.*

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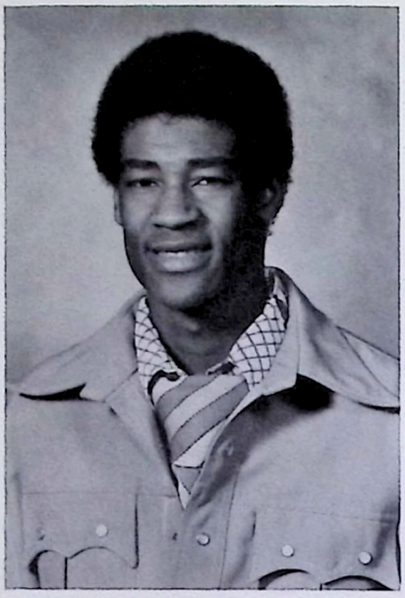
Timothy Allen Apperson
Morganton



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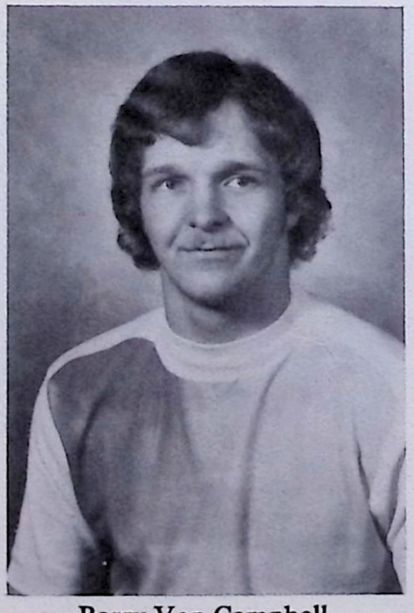
Greensboro

Lauren Vivian Brown
Rocky Mount



Barry Von Campbell
Biscoe

Janie Carolyn Cantrell
Hendersonville

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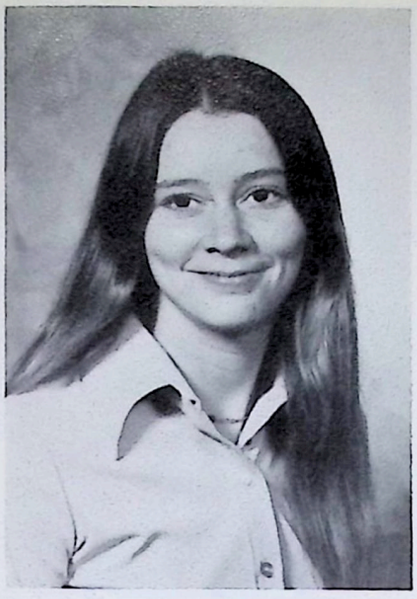

Diane Coleman
North Wilkesboro

Tracie Yvette Davis
Winston-Salem

Charles Brown Dawkins
Randleman

Brenda Kay Elledge
Wilkesboro

Linda Fay Elledge
Wilkesboro

CLASS OF 1976

Phyllis Denise Felton
Hertford

Archie D. Fortner
Morganton

Peggy Jean Green
High Point

Walter Glenn Hatcher
Wallace

Kandi Lynn Hemric
Seagrove

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Franklin Allen Herring
Kinston

Sylvia Howard
Winston-Salem

Terry Eugene Jarrett
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Deborah Lee Jordan
Edenton

David Homer Kornegay
Mount Olive

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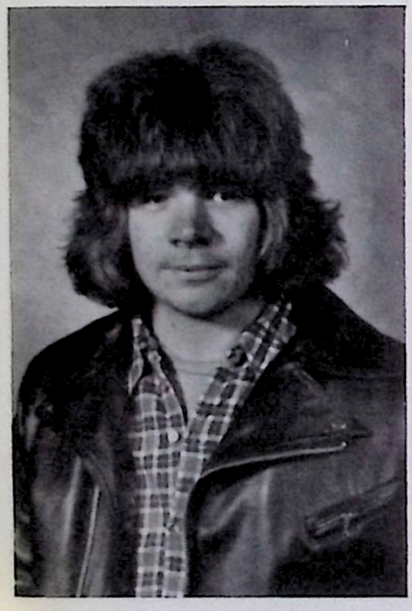
Terry Ralph Lee
Raleigh

Claudette Mack
Greensboro



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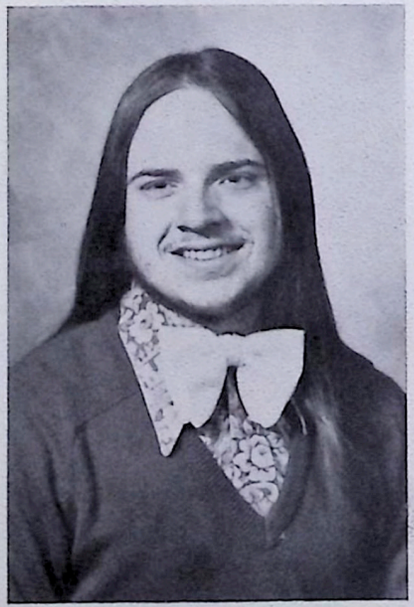
Lenior



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Greensboro

Kenneth Allen McGee
Morganton

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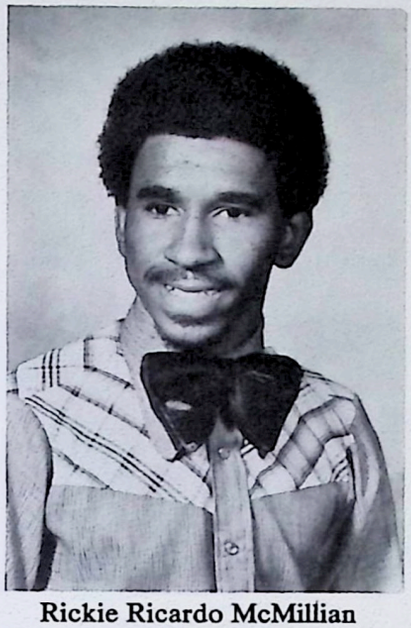
Earline McGirt
Fayetteville



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Shannon

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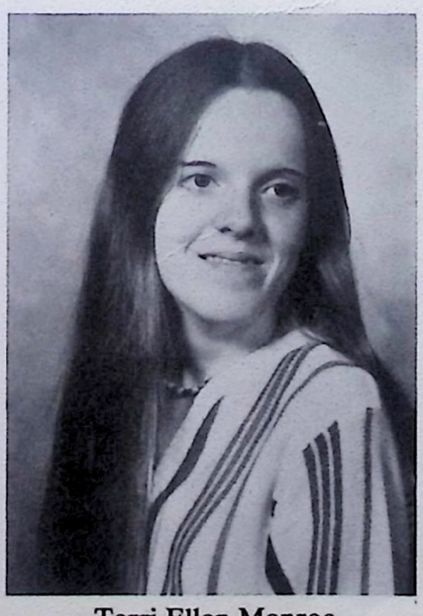
Rich Square



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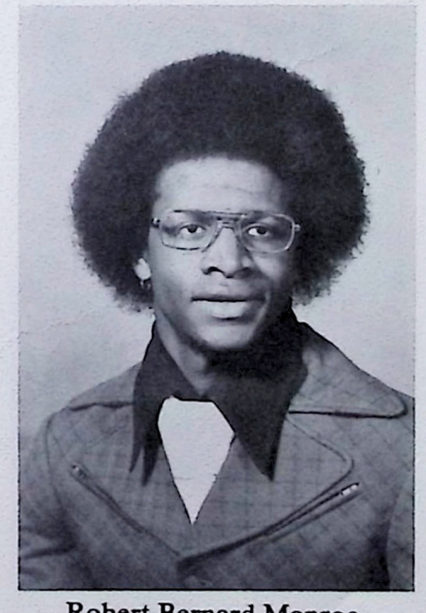
Morganton



Robert Bernard Monroe
Fayetteville

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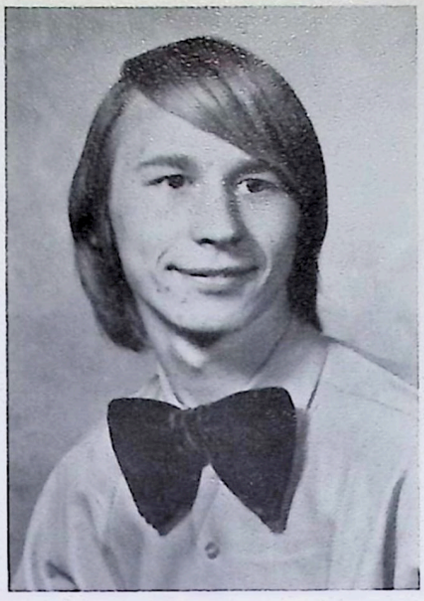

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Green Mountain

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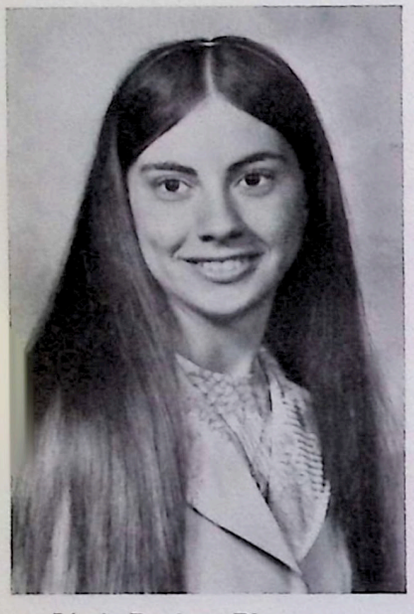
Charlotte



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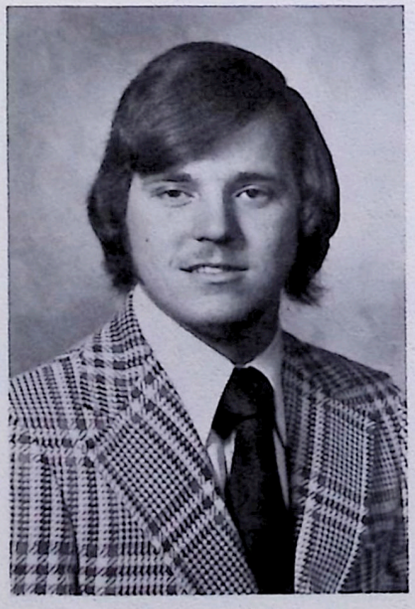

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Garner

Audrey Diane Ratliff
Greensboro

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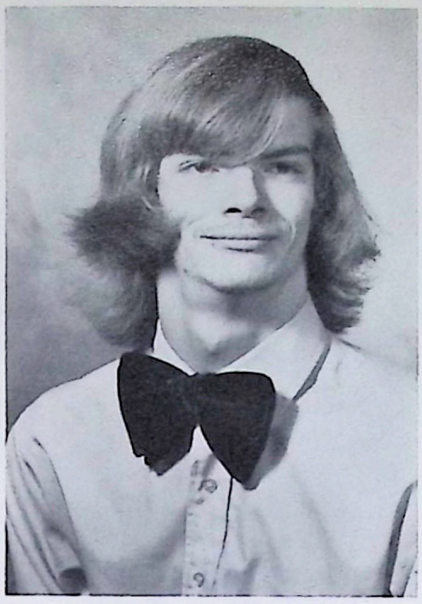

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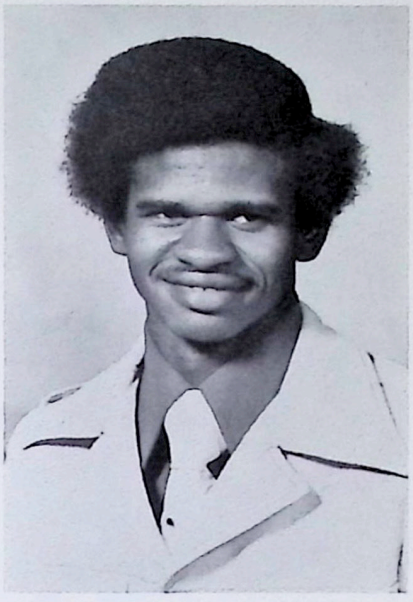
Gastonia



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Eden

Clinton Waldo Thomas
Reidsville

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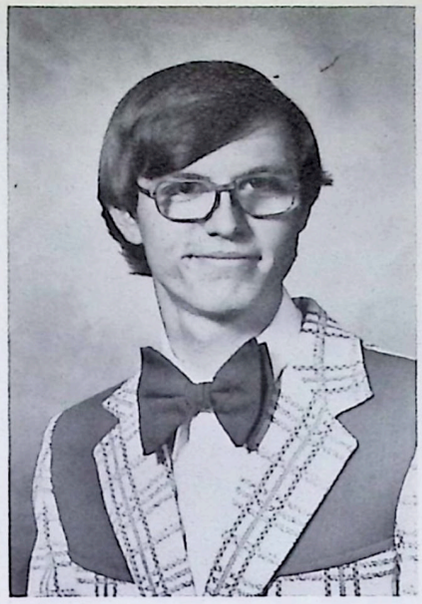

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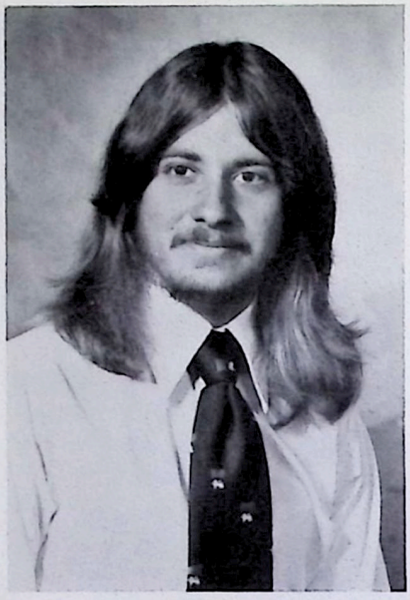

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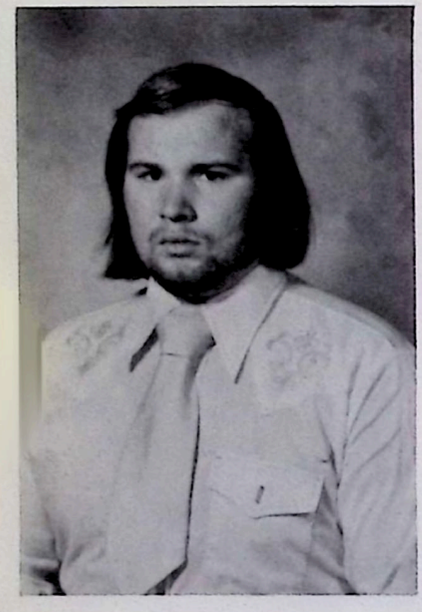
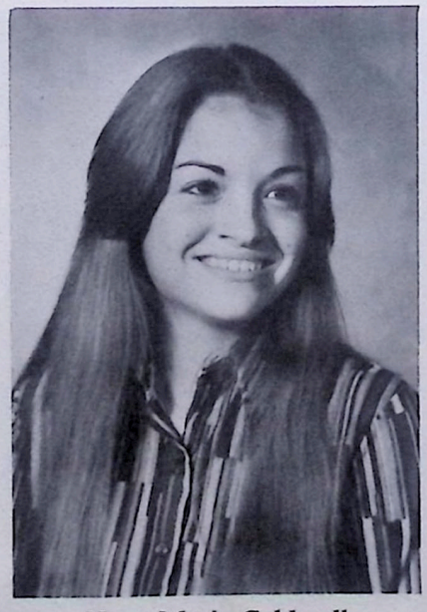
Ft. Myers



Rudolph Lynn Witmore
Wingate

Beverly June Allen
Morganton
(Gallaudet College)



Nena Marie Caldwell
Gastonia
(Central Piedmont Community College)

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Virginia Lee Edwards
Goldsboro
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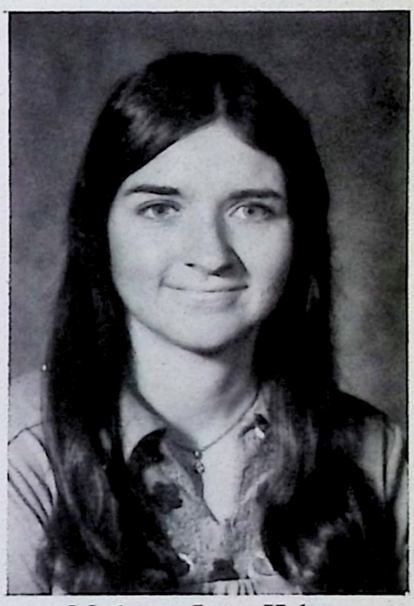
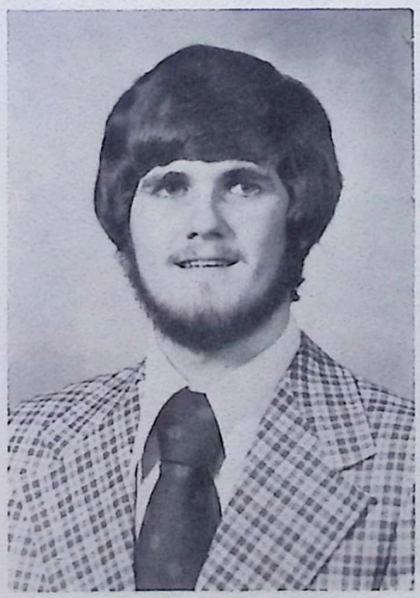
Nelson Ray Freeze
Landis
(Gallaudet College)



Madonna Lynn Helms
Cramenton
(Work Experience Program)

Darryl Keith Robertson
Reidsville
(Gallaudet College)



James McLeod Wilson
Gastonia
(Gallaudet College)

NOT PICTURED:

Jerome W. Brown
Raleigh

Paul J. Cannon
Mooresville
(Gallaudet College)

David Latkowski
Raleigh
(Gallaudet College)

Debra F. Swaim
Winston-Salem
(Work Experience Program)

Jeffrey R. Watson
Hickory
(Gallaudet College)

Von Campbell gets a "pop" during a drama program.

Mrs. Crutchfield's senior class visited Fort Bragg.

Seniors Charles Dawkins and Rolan Williams

Seniors were invited to Mr. Henderson's Christmas tea.

Senior Terri Monroe

Junior Class Marshals, Melba Bradshaw and Jimmy Autrey

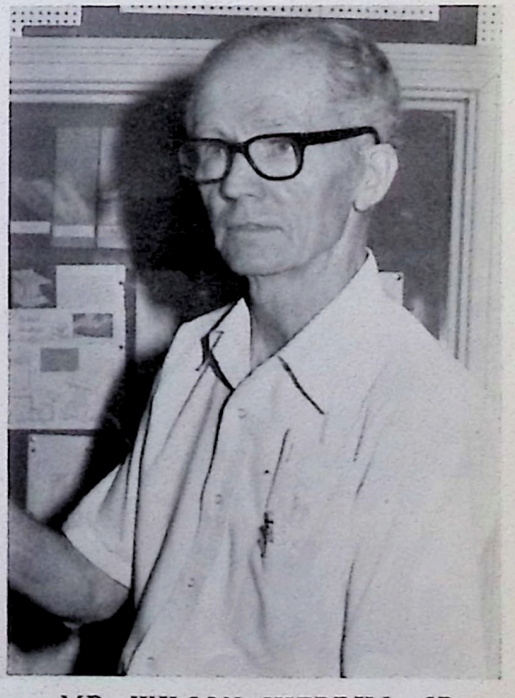
RETIRING HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

MRS. BASHIE CRUTCHFIELD
34 years of service

MRS. JANE TAYLOR
17 years of service

MRS. RUTH BRIDGES
20 years of service

MR. CARL WILLIAMS
15 years of service



MR. WILSON SHERRILL, SR.
30 years of service

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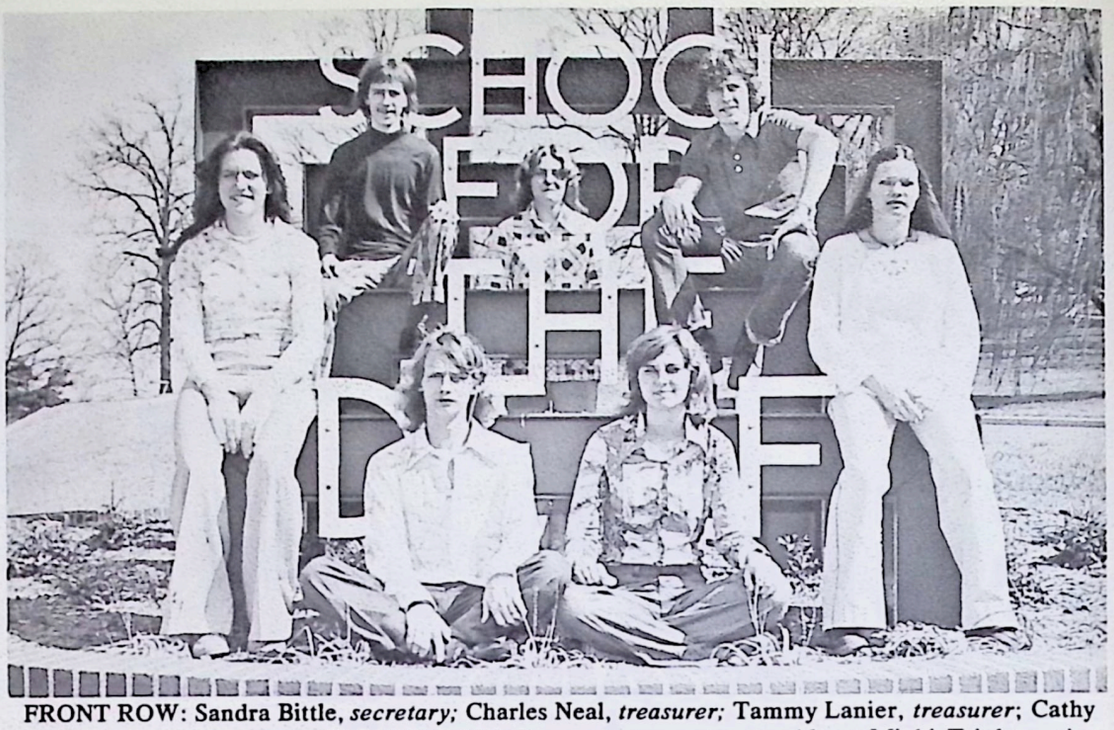

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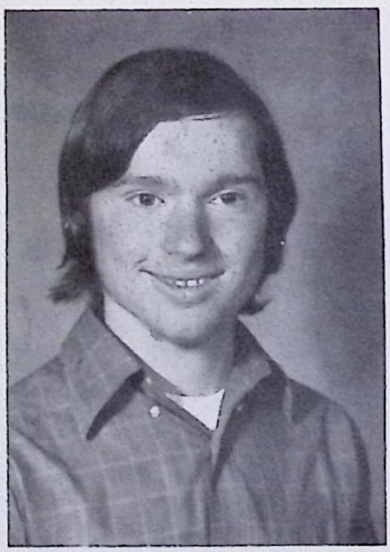

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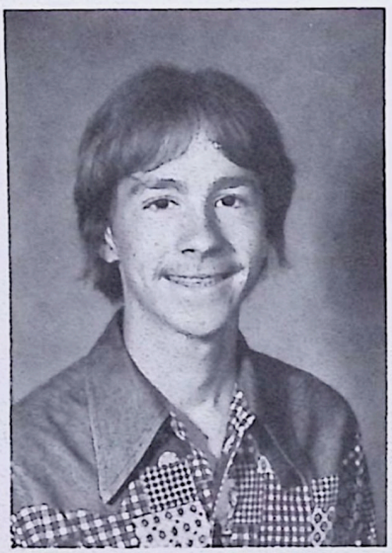
Jimmy Autrey
Jessie Bare



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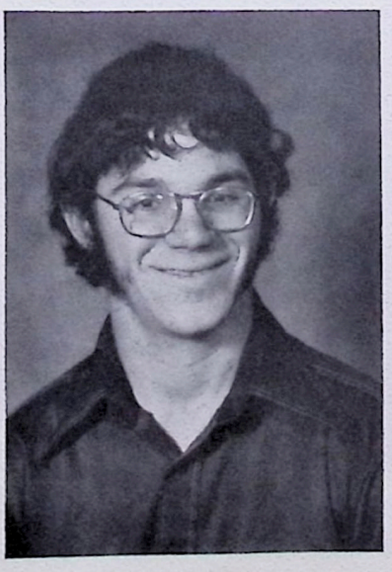
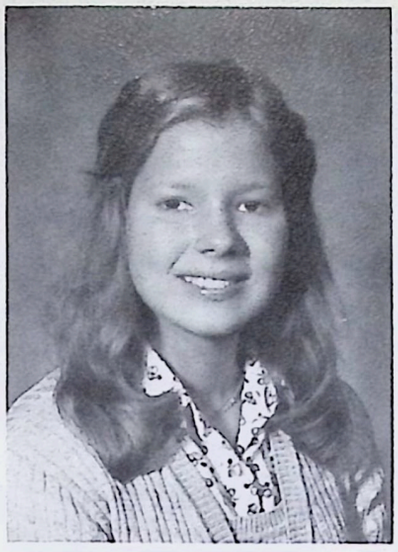
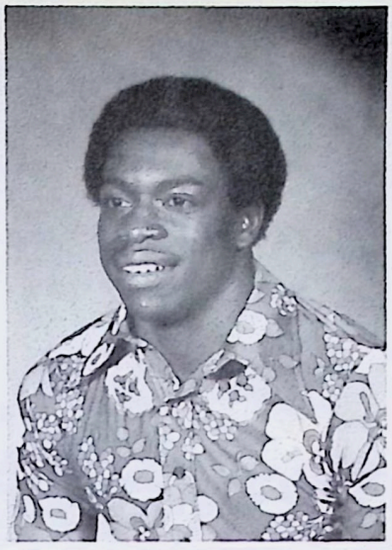
Melba Bradshaw



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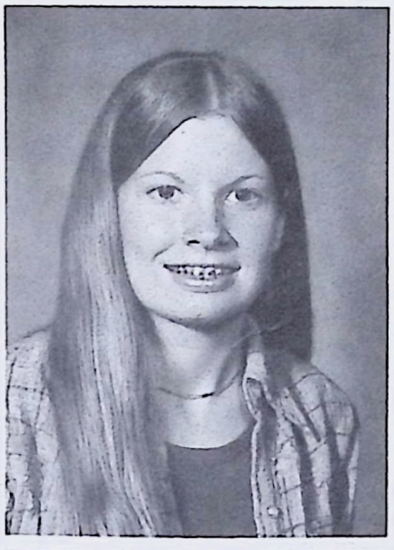
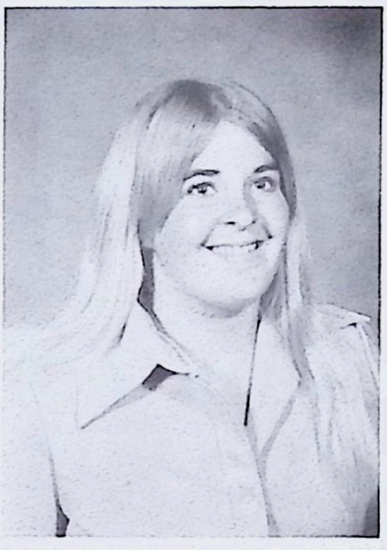
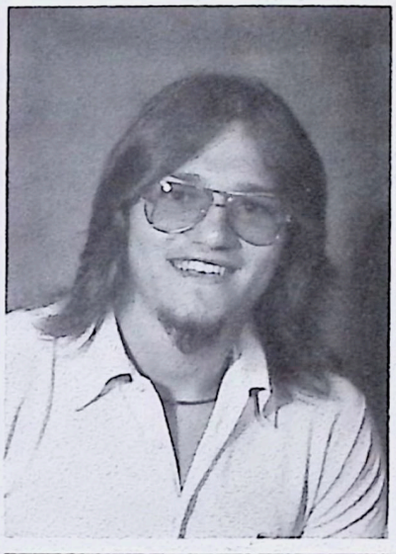
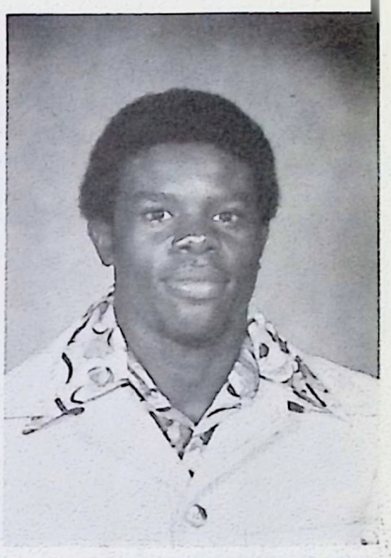

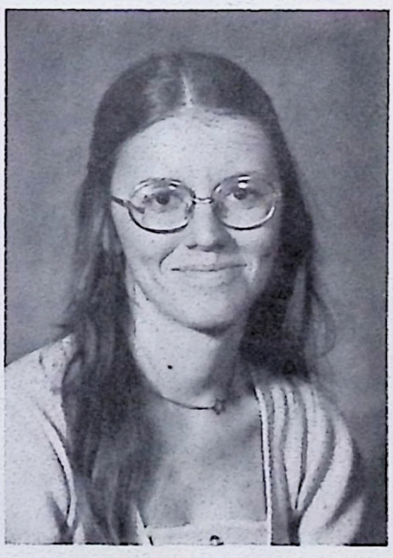
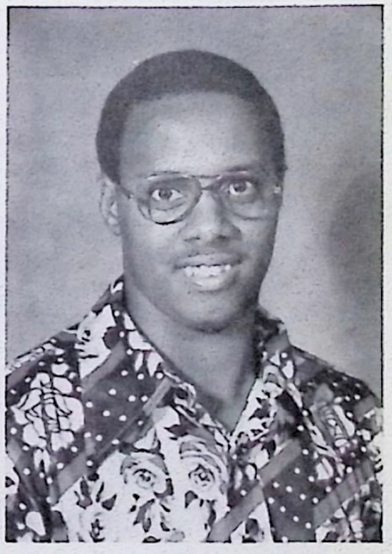

Suzanne Brinkley
Lynn Capps
Janet Davis

Craig Brown
Phyllis Clark
Beth Dixon

Teresa Burris
Rickie Cordell
Deborah Drum

Nathan Curtis
Robert Dunn

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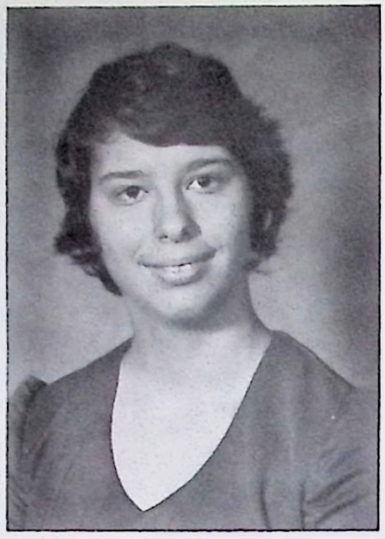
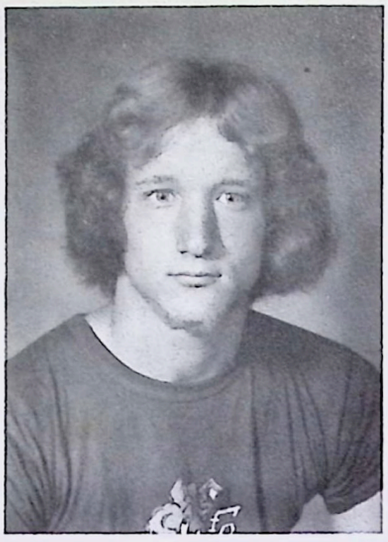

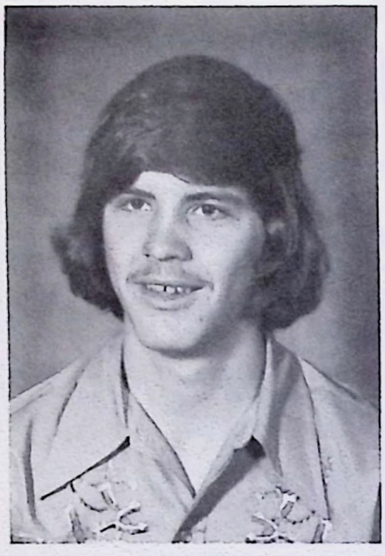

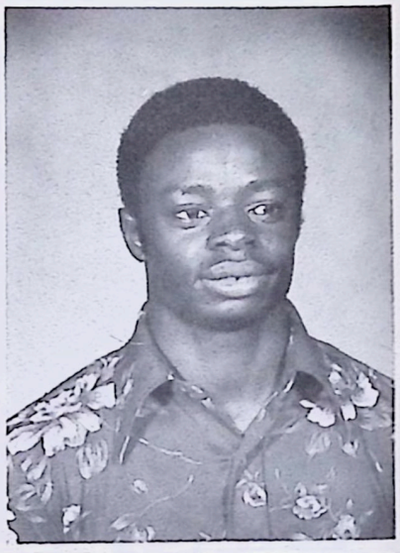

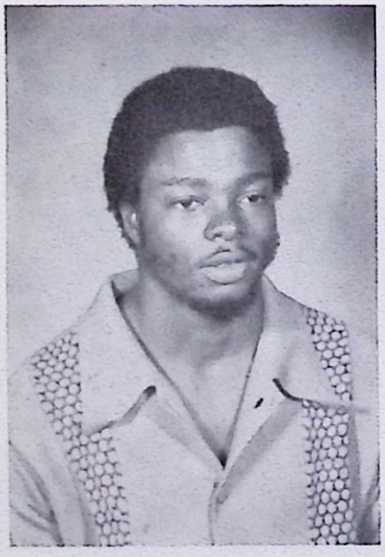
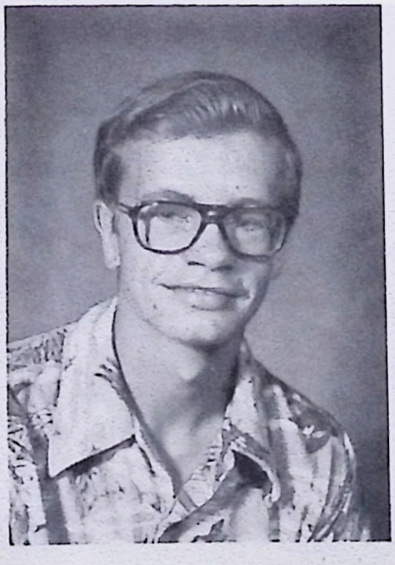
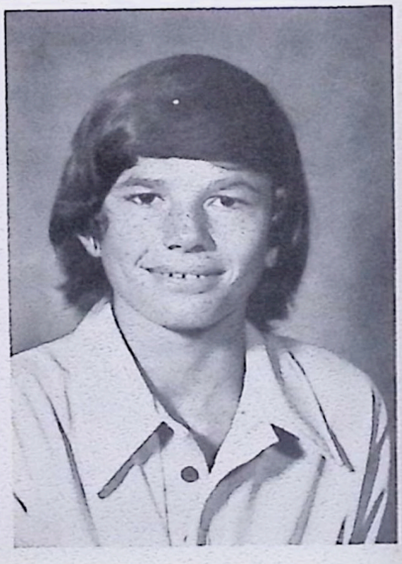

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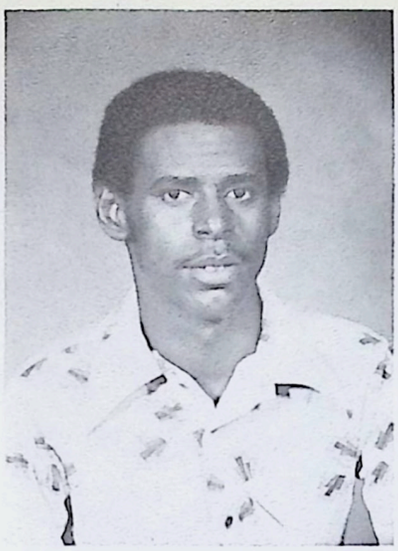

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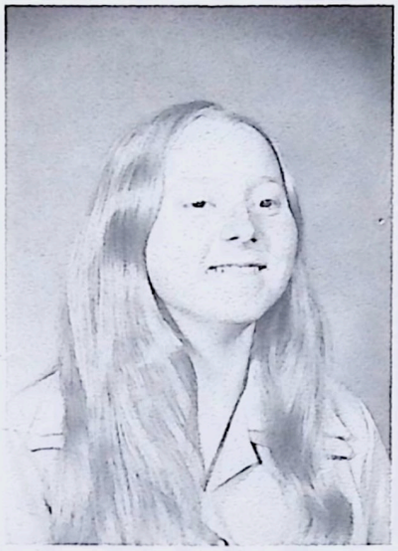

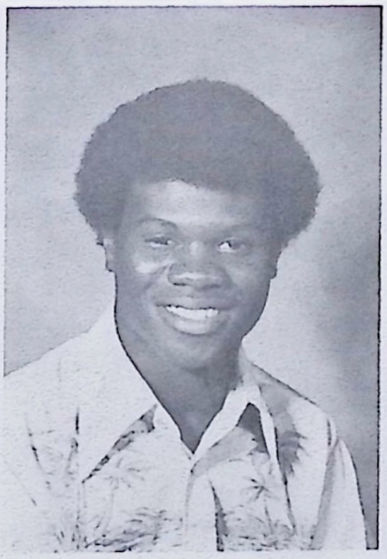

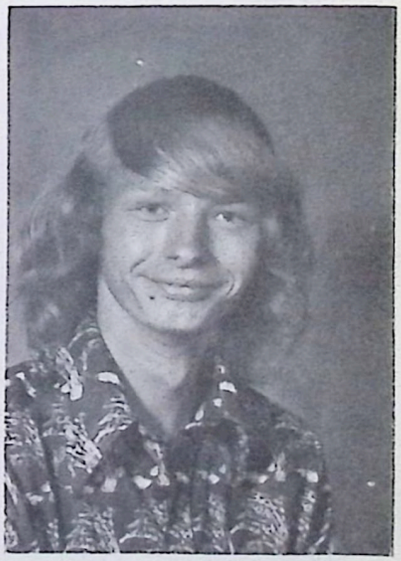

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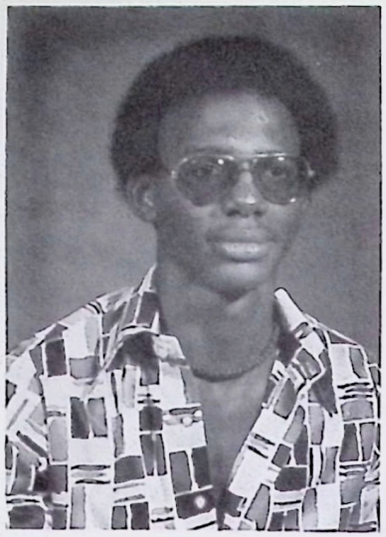
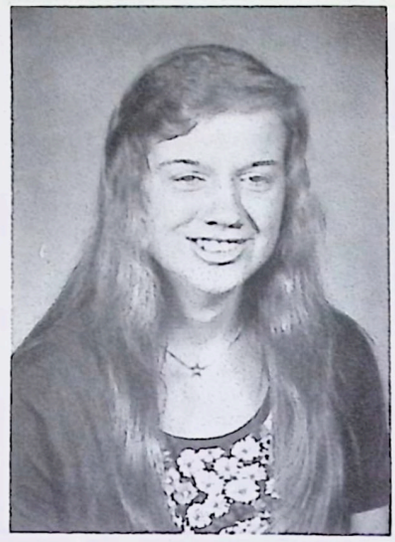
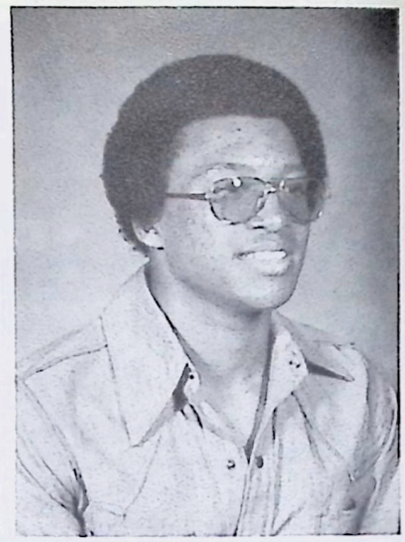

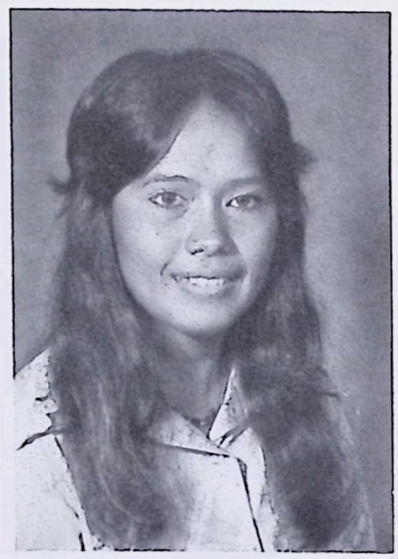
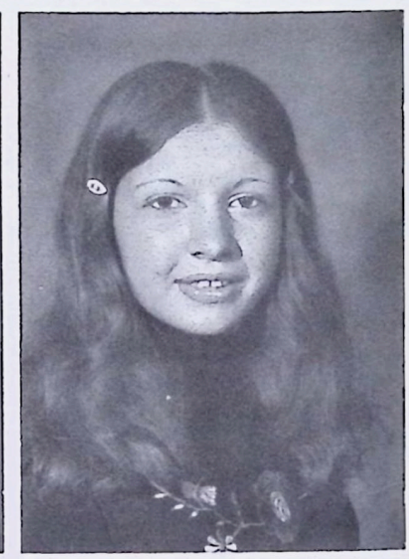

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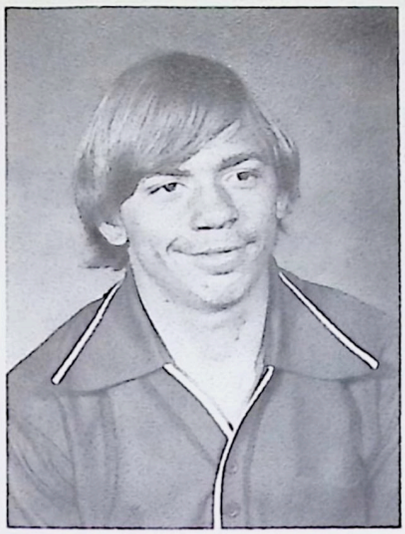

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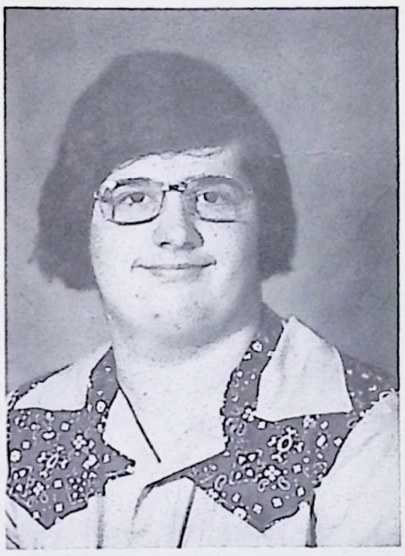

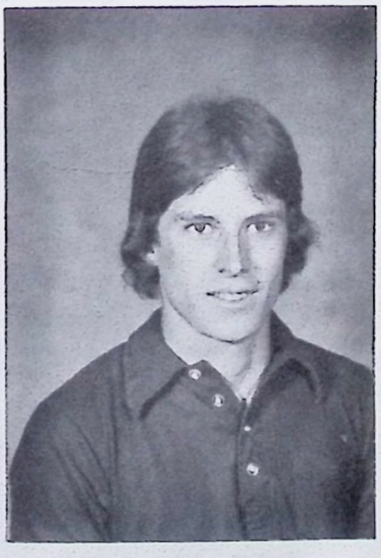
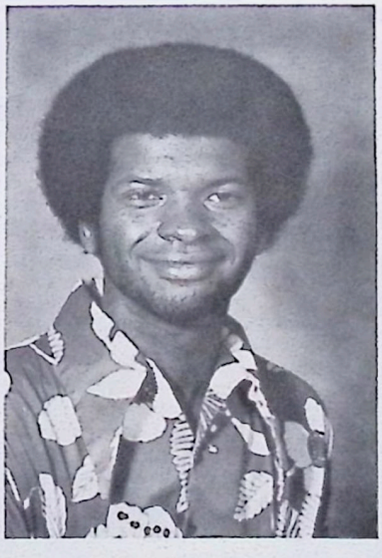
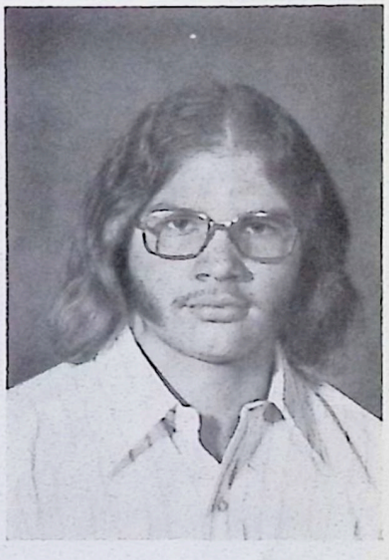

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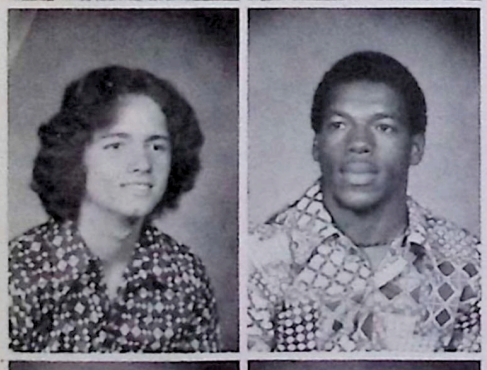

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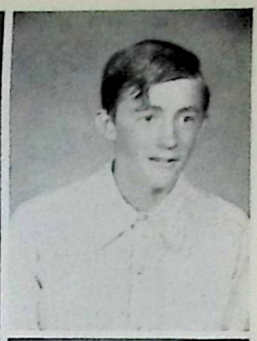

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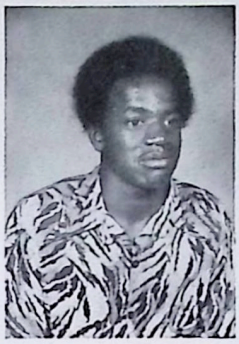

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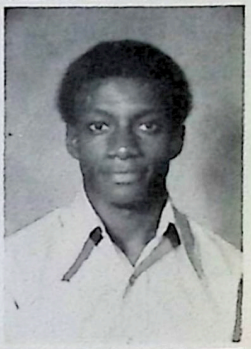

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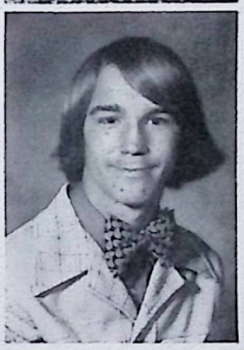

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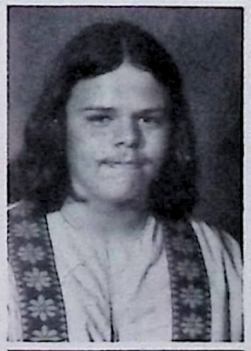

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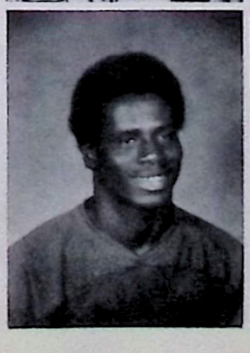
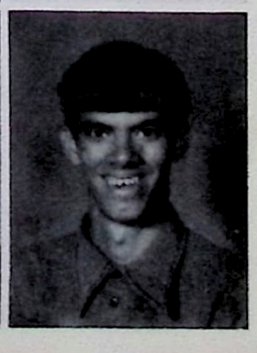

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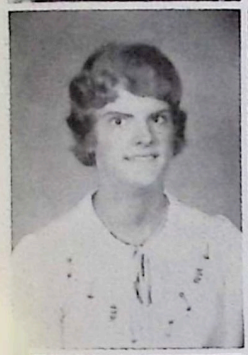
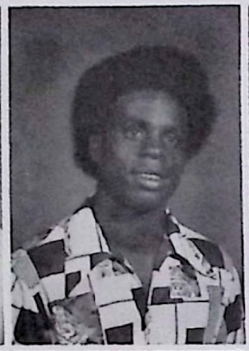

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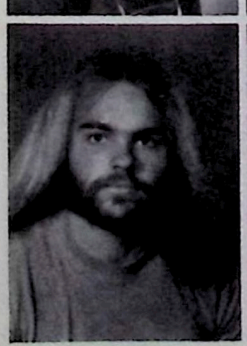
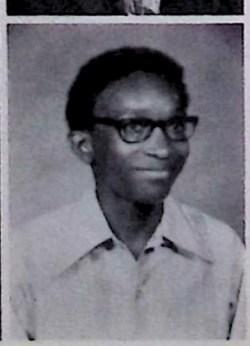

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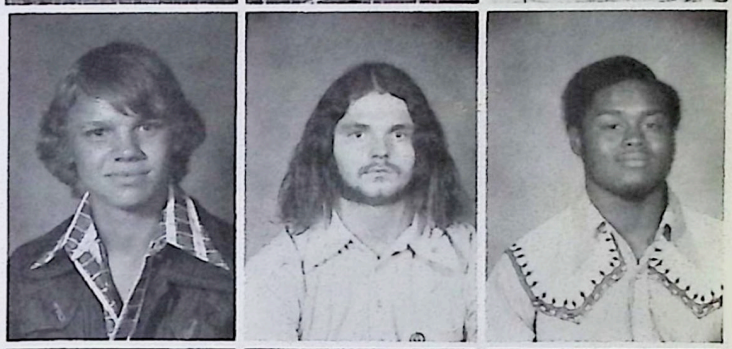

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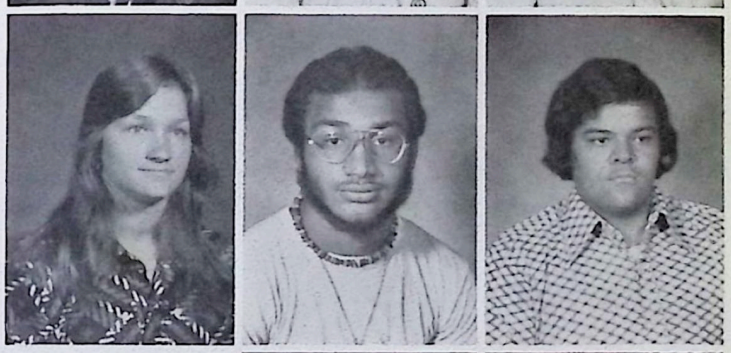

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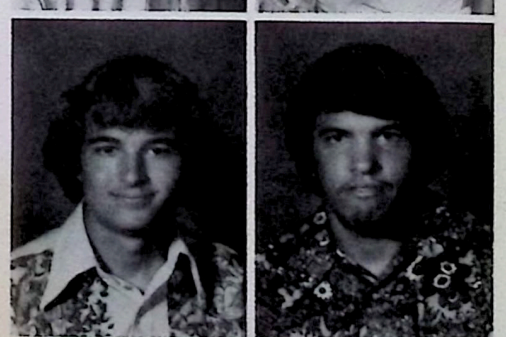

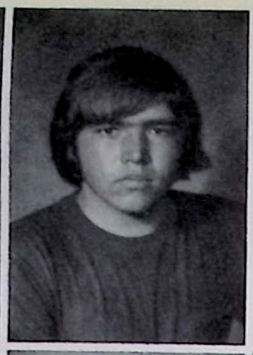
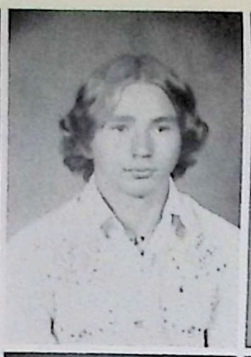

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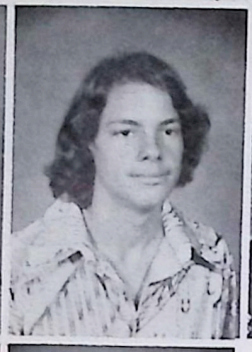

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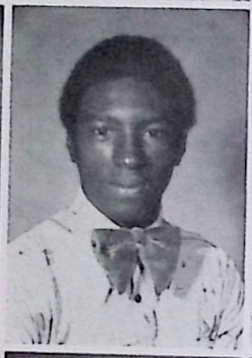
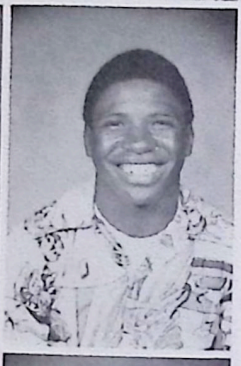

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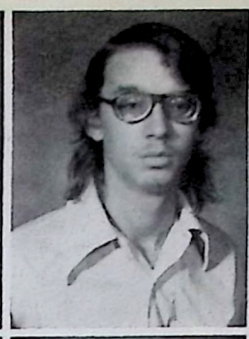

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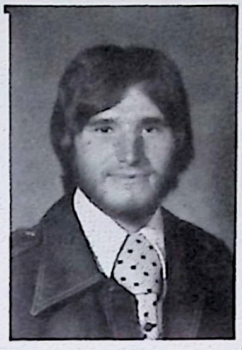

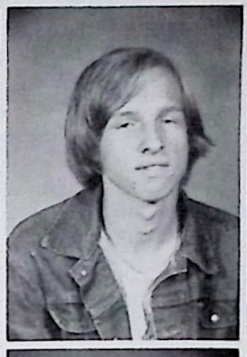
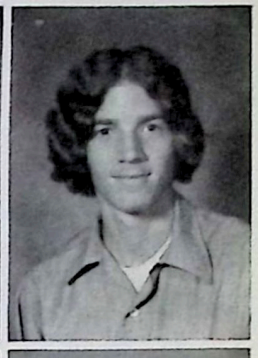

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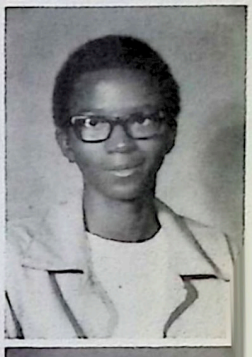

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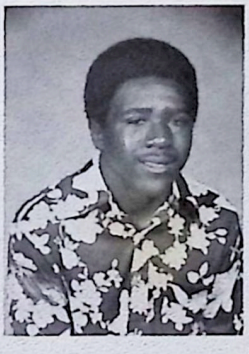

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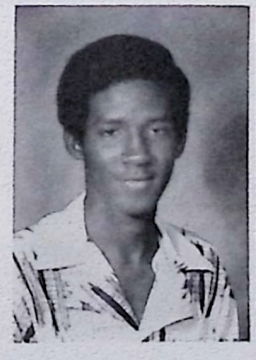

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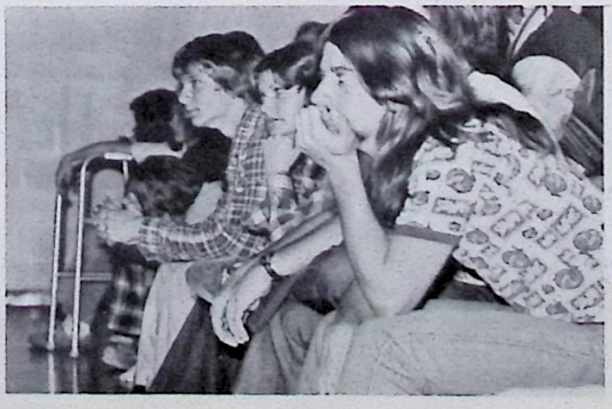

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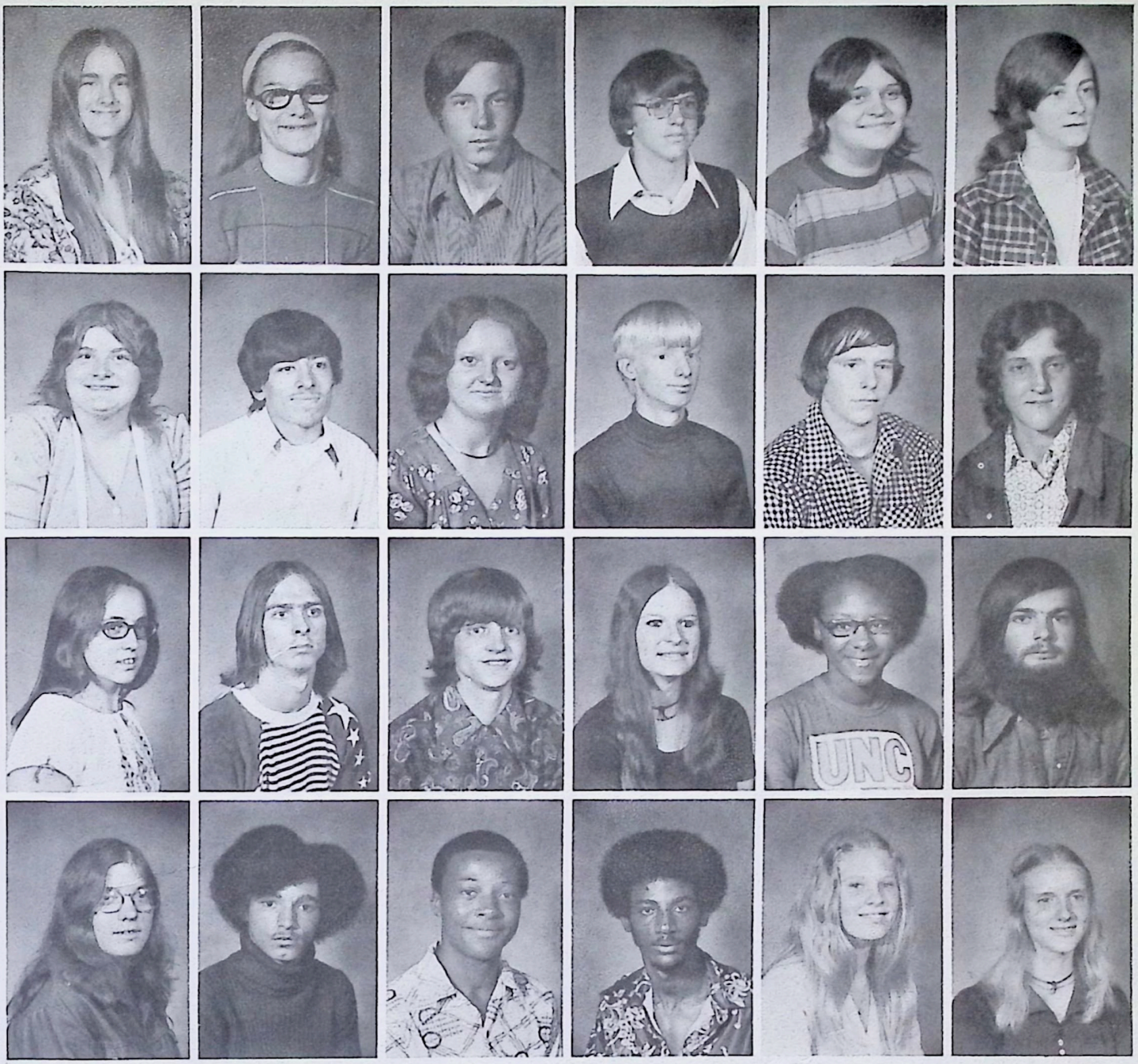

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6 Dale Dees
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Steve Hunter
Bryon Lackey

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Sherry Hunt
Mark Lanier

Keith Guy
Lisa Hinson
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Sheryl Lanier

Stephen Hailey
Ann Hodges
Randy Jessup
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Ralphine Tatum

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Mike Phillips
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Ann Solesby
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Luke Morgan
6 Billy Pyrtle
Joyce Russell
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Allen Rankin
6 Ricky Sanders
Sharon Steele
6 Tenna Turnmire

Kenneth Neal
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Melvå Lawing
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Lynn Wheatley

6 Danny Osborne
6 Robin Reynolds
6 Chris Scruggs
Derald Swann
Debby Whitesell

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Jacquetta Bullock
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Harold Cooley
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Susan Clark
James Cooley
Denise Ebert

Fitz Blackwell
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Danny Clarke
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Richie Curtis
Lucinda Elmore

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Timmie Ledford

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Edward Grigg
April Huntley
Rhonda Klutz
Jack Lewis

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Tina Gross
Terri Hutchens
Paul Kulick
Pattie Lowe

Bruce Futral
Chinita Gunnings
Robin Hymen
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Sharesa Hawkins
Dean Jarvis
Robin Lane
Scott Lynch

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Phillip Robinson
Tom Stringfellow
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Jimmy Wiggins

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Tony Doby
Chris Hailey

David Arthur
Tricia Bradley
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Doug Harmon

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Annette Cook
Kevin Eoll
Shell Hedrick

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James Craig
Bev Fletcher
Chad Hull

Mark Barnett
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Norma Davis
Jimmy Freeman
Leigh Jarvis

Don Bourne
Elizabeth Chance
Scott Davis
Jeff Greer
Kim Jones

Bobby Boynton
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Anita Hailey
Connie Kugel

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Greg Payne
Robert Ritch
Garolyn Thompson
Brian Williams

Mike Lynch
Lisa Pettus
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Patrick Tuck
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Betty Manos
Buddy Petty
Sandy Scott
Patricia Turner
Paul Williamson

Charles Mills
Sussan Pinkerton
Martha Sherlin
Eddie Wagoner
David Willis

Howard Neal
Mike Plemmons
David Shores
Susan Wallace
Sean Worley

Theron Oates
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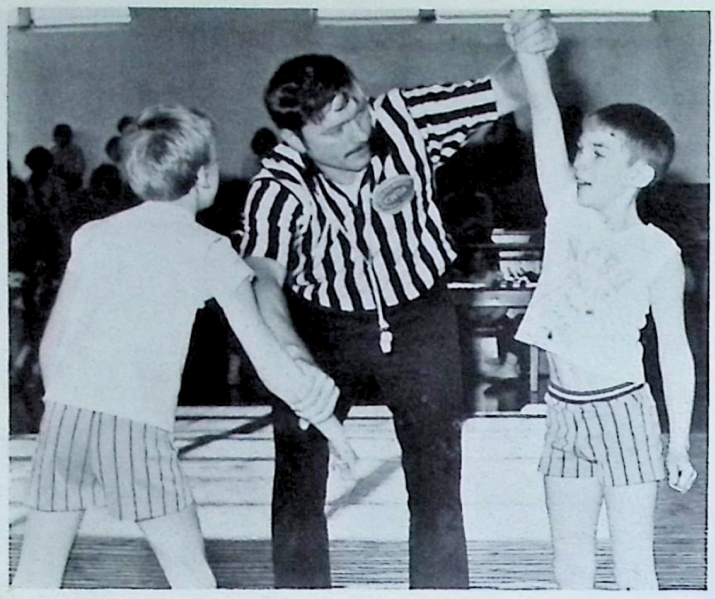

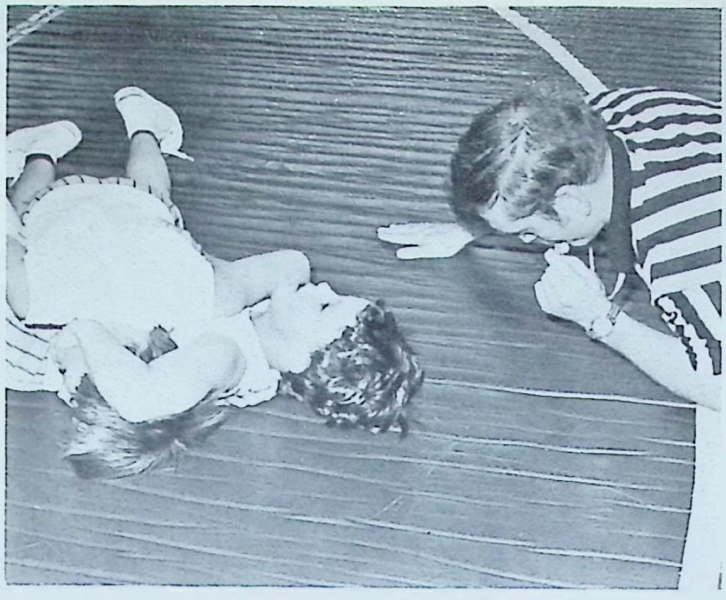

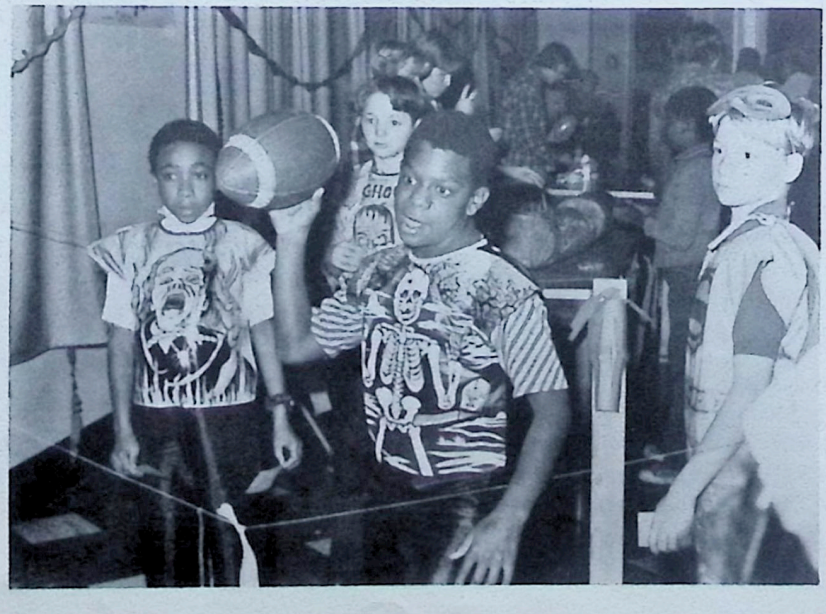

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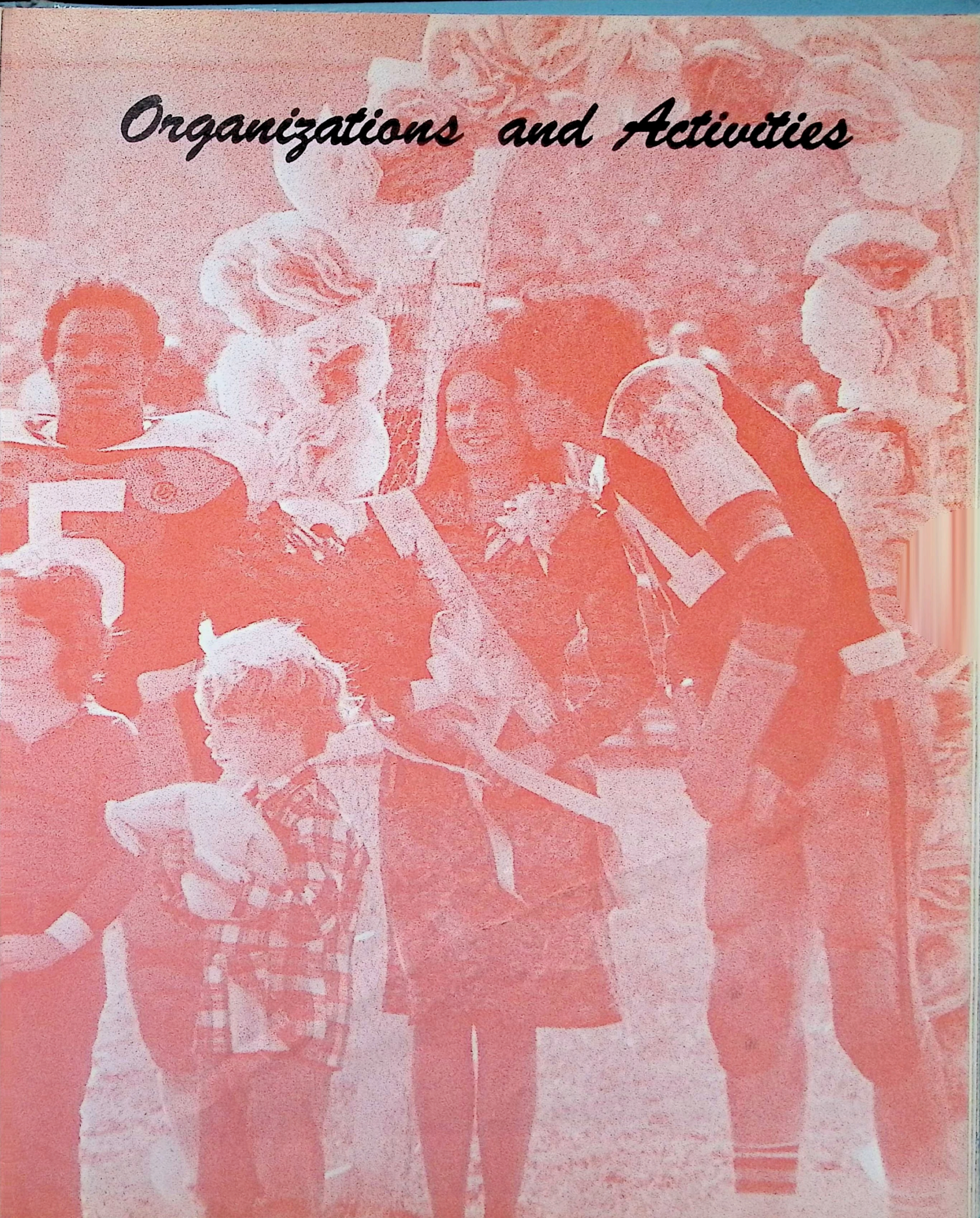


STUDENT COUNCIL

KNEELING: Don Wells, *senior representative*; Charles Neal, *junior representative*; Steve Collins, *freshman representative*. STANDING: Betty Prince, *treasurer*; Jimmy Autrey, *president*; Allen Matthews, *vice-president*; Robin Gardin, *secretary*.

RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

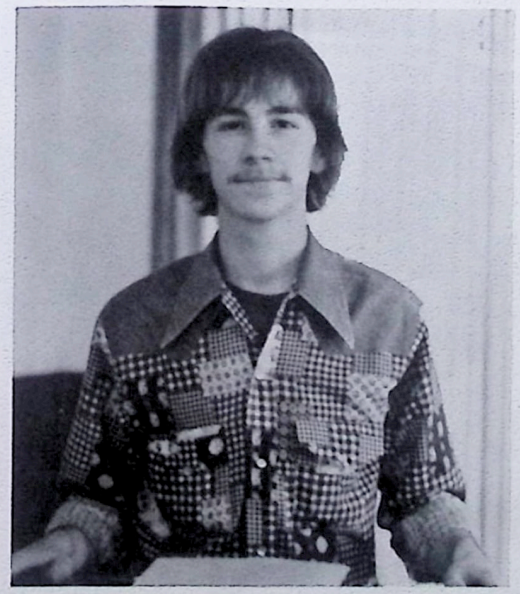
LEFT TO RIGHT: Judy Beamon, *sergeant-at-arms*; Kitty Parks, *secretary*; Robert Dunn, *vice-president*; Cheryl Anderton, *president*; Kandi Hemric, Lovetta Locklear, Polly Meeks, Wayne Bowman.

CHOIR

FIRST ROW: Judy Beamon, Tracie Davis, Rose Boone. SECOND ROW: Wayne Bowman, Jean Moore, Debbie Jordan, Ricky McMillan. THIRD ROW: Robert Dunn, Earline McGirt, Claudette Mack.

JUNIOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Butkus, *sponsor;* Allen Matthews, *treasurer;* Jimmy Autrey, *president;* Barbara Klein, *secretary;* Kenneth McGee, *vice president;* Phyllis Felton, *sergeant-at-arms;* Dale Rambeaut, *sergeant-at-arms;* Mrs. Elkins, *sponsor.* SECOND ROW: Bobby Byrd, Gina Johnson, Earline McGirt, Steve Collins, Terry Jones, Kent Babson, Claudette Mack, Dru Garner, Karen Chapman, Bill Mangum, Pam Capps, Scott Swicegood, Joe Spivey.



Jimmy Autrey, *president*

JUNIOR NAD MOTTO

Promoting The Tomorrow Of All The Deaf
By Working With The Deaf Youth Of Today

JUNIOR NAD CREED

We believe:

That Junior NAD program is the outstanding textbook helper of the school;

That Ultimate educational goals are attainable through motivation;

That National competition and recognition promote maximum excellence;

That Initiative is the best vehicle for realization of maximum potential;

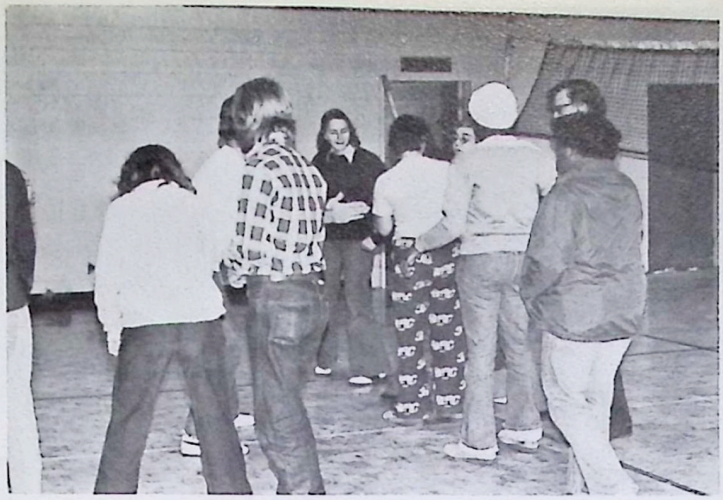
That Opportunities for total development are greater in group situations;

And that Resourcefulness and enthusiasm make a more complete deaf person.

JUNIOR NAD SLOGAN

Joining Nourishes Adult Development

Jr. NAD members visit Maryville College.



In the Maryville College gym

Mr. Frank Turk
National Jr. NAD Director

Claudette Mack
Miss Jr. NAD

Members are ready to return to NCSD.

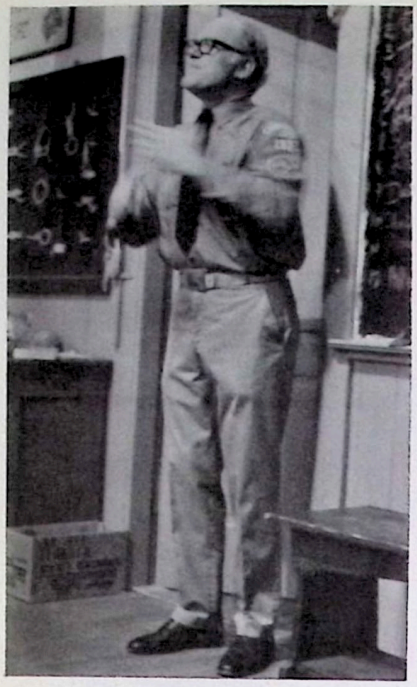
Miss Jr. NAD contestants

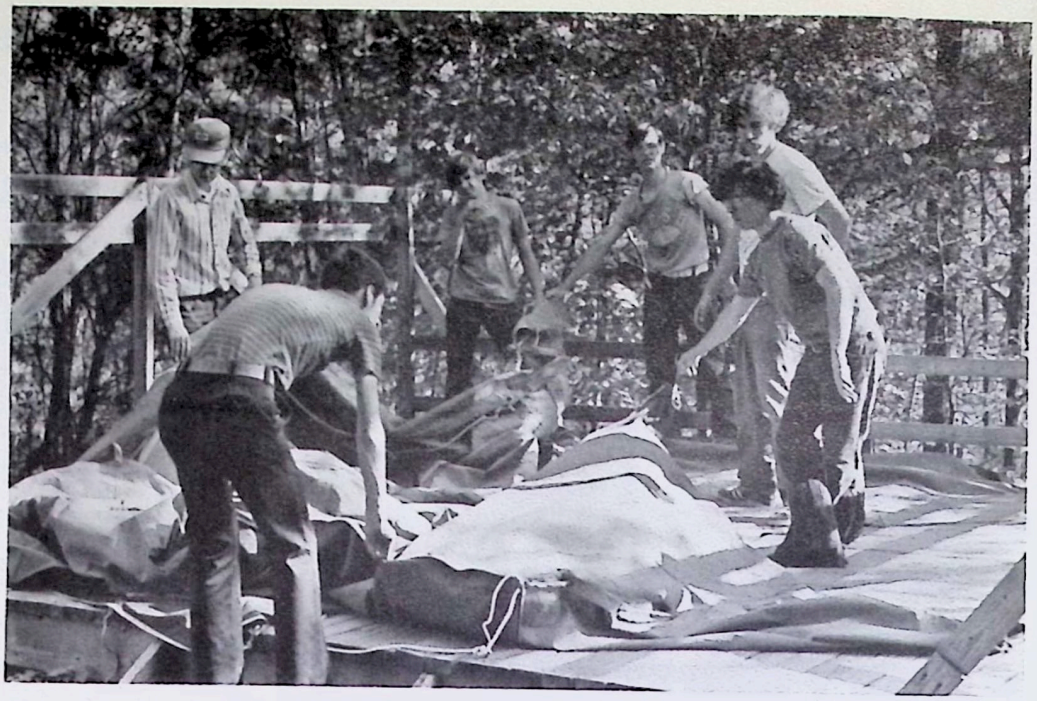
BOY SCOUT TROOP 182

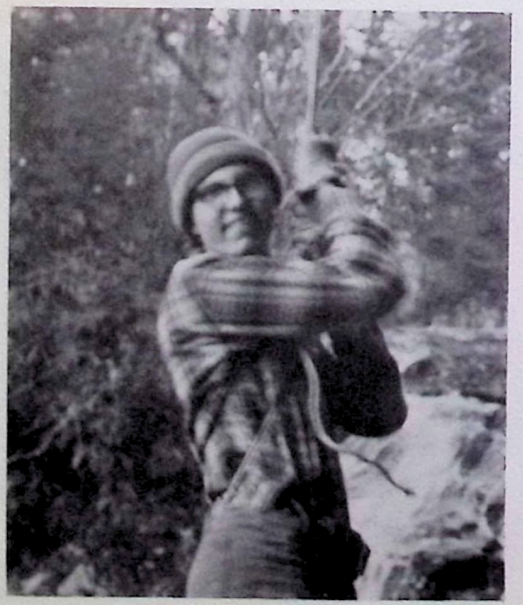
FRONT ROW: Dale Hancock, Kenneth Swaim, Steve Triplett, Lee Meadows, Ray Ripple, Chris Buckner, Stevie Bush, Richard Greene. SECOND ROW: Mr. Robert Fleming, *assistant scoutmaster*; Roddie Fleming, John Hawley, Tom Clark, Martin Garrett, Peter Baxter, Tommy Henderson, Billy Everhart. THIRD ROW: Mr. Paul Crutchfield, *scoutmaster*; Allen Matthews, Dru Garner, Don Wells, Kent Babson, Ken Phillips, Greg Bower, Frankie Corbett.

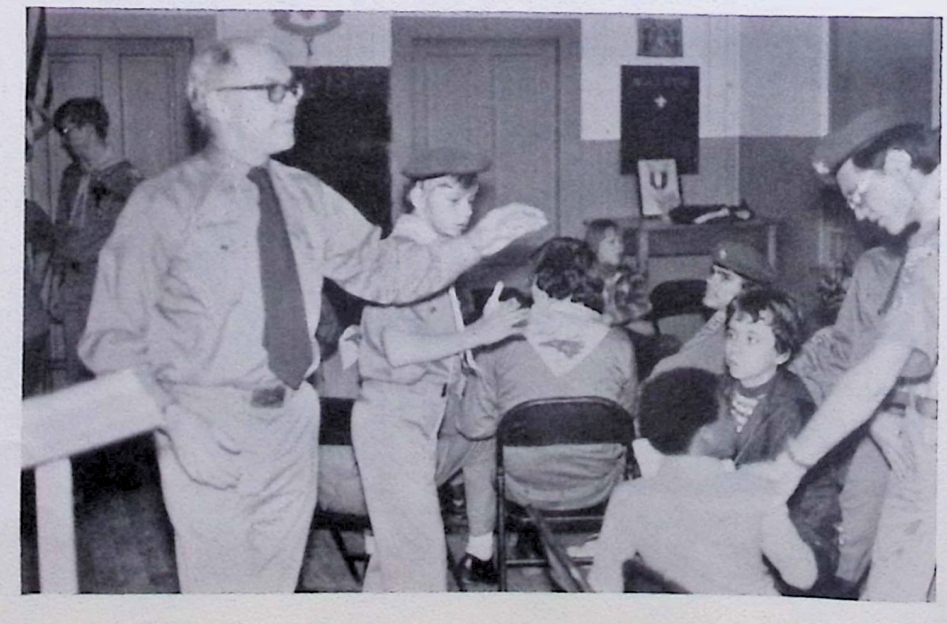
GREEN BAR PATROL

FRONT ROW: Ken Phillips, *patrol leader;* Dale Hancock, *assistant patrol leader;* Tom Clark, *patrol leader;* Kenneth Swaim, *scribe;* Billy Everhart, *assistant patrol leader.* SECOND ROW: Allen Matthews, *assistant scoutmaster;* Kent Babson, *junior assistant scoutmaster;* Frankie Corbett, *senior patrol leader;* Dru Garner, *quartermaster;* and Don Wells, *assistant scoutmaster.*

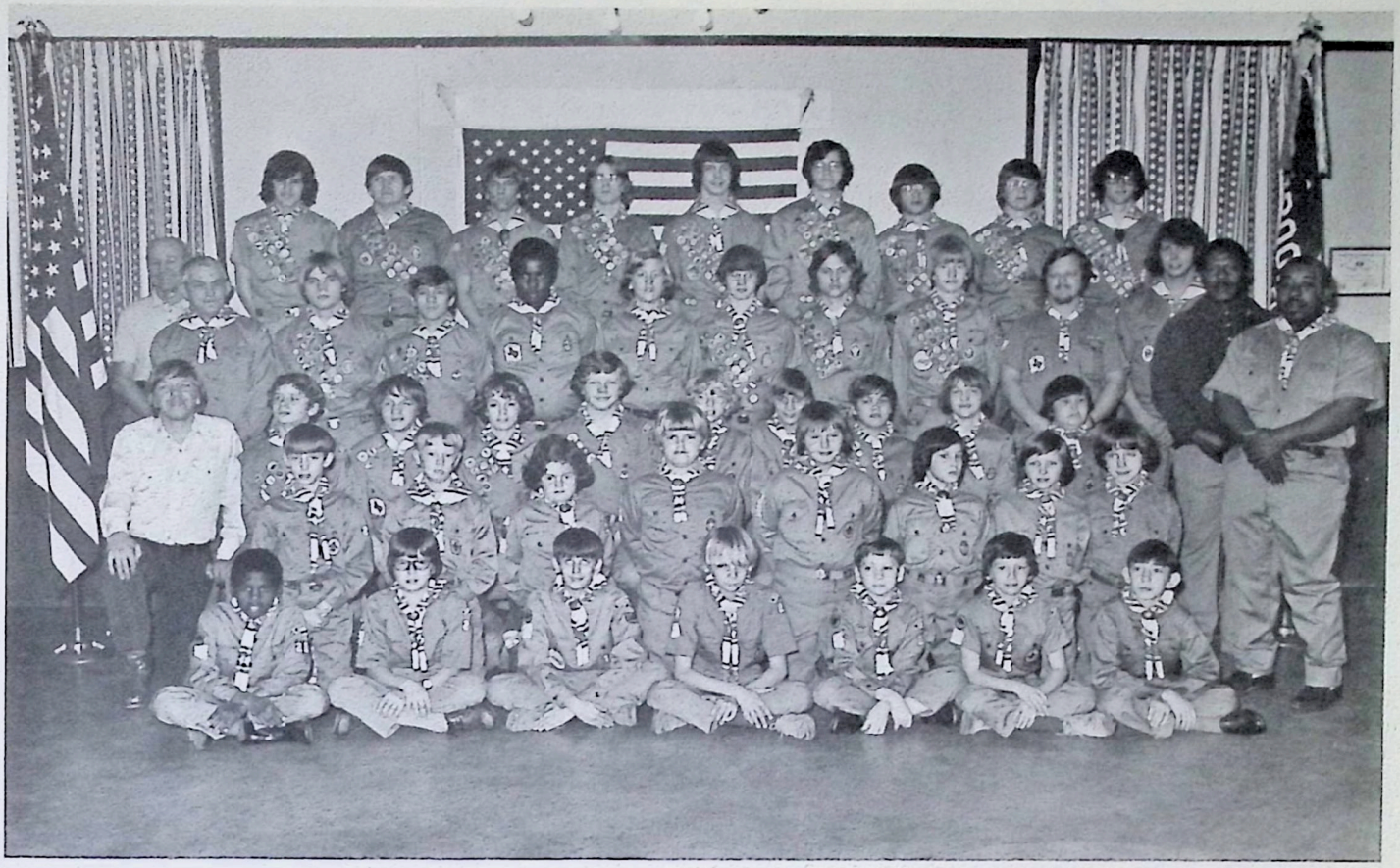








BOY SCOUT TROOP 201



FRONT ROW: Fitz Blackwell, Gerald Haynes, Ritchie Curtis, Harold Cooley, Tom Stringfellow, Bryan Wooten, Jeff Clark. SECOND ROW: Sammy Towery, Timmie Ledford, Kevin Reis, Guy Riddle, Chris Cazire, Jay Wiggins, Bruce Futral, Stacey Clement, Lonnie Jenkins, *assistant scoutmaster;* THIRD ROW: Mr. Wayne Geise, *assistant scoutmaster;* Todd Lawing, Bobby Robbins, Dale Dees, Randy Stultz, Billy Pyrtle, Tim Smith, Joe Fish, Ricky Sanders, Scott Frye, John Rutherford, *assistant scoutmaster;* FOURTH ROW: Mr. Arnold McGee, *assistant scoutmaster;* Jimmy Johnston, Allen Rankin, Steve Hailey, Steve Hunter, Daniel Johnson, Scott Swicegood, Kevin Clark, Mr. Tim Shane, *scoutmaster;* Kenneth McGee, *assistant scoutmaster.* FIFTH ROW: Mr. Vernon Golighty, *assistant scoutmaster;* Mark Keller, Ricky Bundy, *assistant scoutmaster;* Rickey Dula, Joe Spivey, Arnold McGee, Steve Collins, Chuck Bowie, Ronnie Allen, Dennis Apperson.

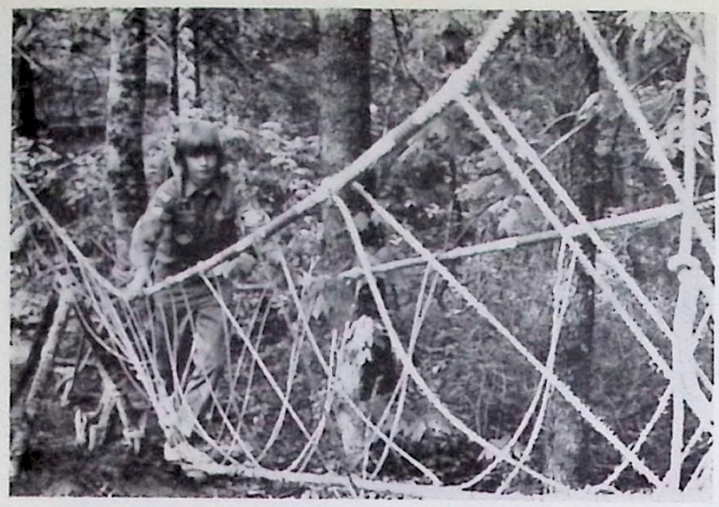
EAGLE SCOUTS

Kevin Clark

Chuck Bowie

Jimmy Johnston

Ricky Bundy



NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
TROOP 201
MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA

ANCHOR CLUB

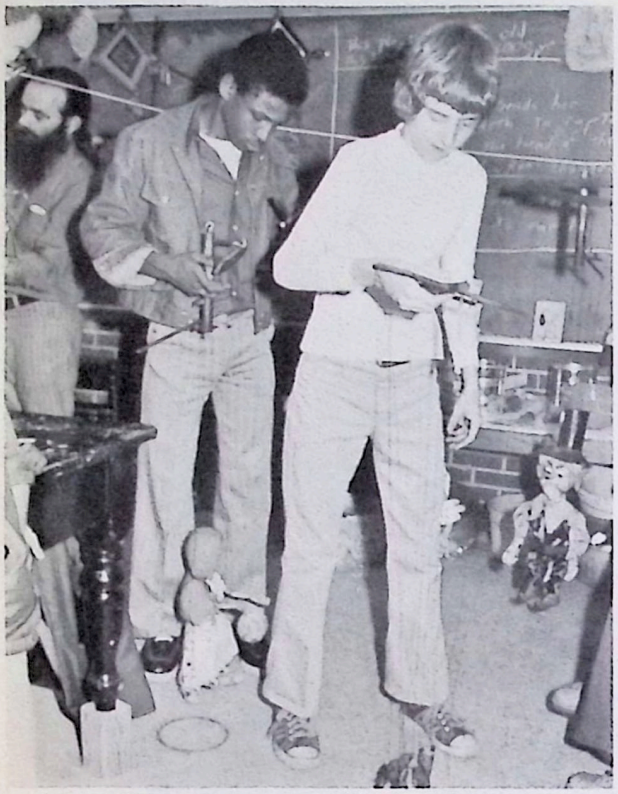
SEATED: Diane Coleman, Debbie Harrell, Cathy Michael, Teri Todd, Mickie Triplett, *vice-president*; Debbie Moore, *secretary*; Denise Richmond, Susie Tally, Beth Dixon, Melba Bradshaw. STANDING: Carolyn Cantrell, Lee Solesby, Suzanne Brinkley, Debbie Jordan, Lynn Capps, *president*; Denise Edwards, Betty Prince, Tammy Lanier, Mrs. Bernice Tuttle, *sponsor*.

ALICE COGSWELL SOCIETY

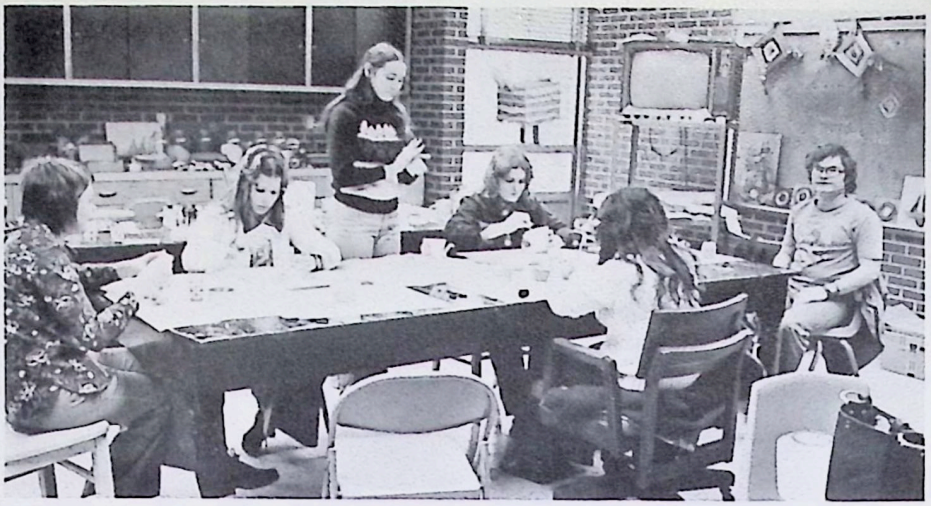
SEATED: Tammy Lanier, *president;* Teri Todd, *vice-president;* Brenda Elledge, *secretary;* Linda Elledge, *treasurer.* SECOND ROW: Melba Bradshaw, Robin Gardin, Betty Prince, Debbie Moore, Mickie Triplett, Lynn Capps. THIRD ROW: Suzanne Brinkley, Denise Richmond, Barbara Klein, Debbie Harrell, Mrs. Shirley Cowan, *advisor;* Mrs. Marlene Garcia, *advisor.*

CULTURAL ARTS AT NCSD

ART



Art students play with Mr. Hollifield's puppets.



Students at NCSD enjoy many different kinds of art.

Mr. Clyde Hollifield gave a workshop on puppetry.

MUSIC

Mr. Bob Taylor and his Hickory High School Jazz Ensemble perform for the NCSD music students.

NCSD THEATRE TROUPE

Medea *(Tammy Lanier)* performs a sacrifice.

Medea and Jason *(Ken McGee)* argue.

The Troupe traveled to Wilson to see the National Theatre of the Deaf.

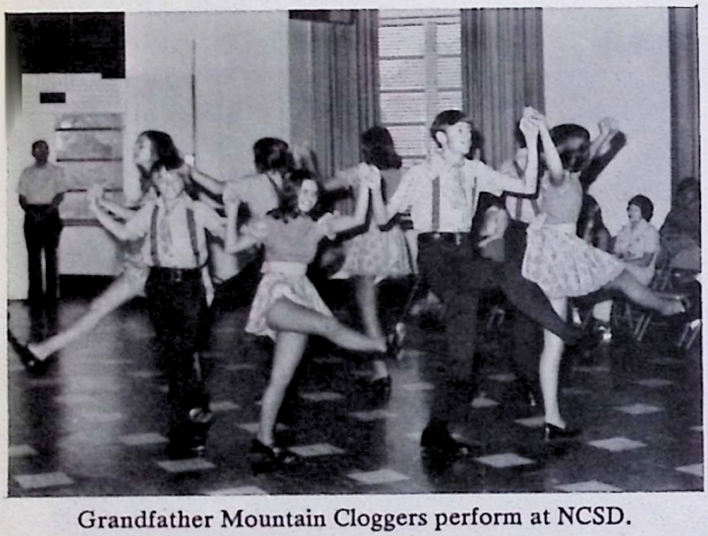
Bernard Bragg with the Troupe.

Bernard Bragg, actor with the National Theatre of the Deaf, held a three-day workshop with NCSD drama students.

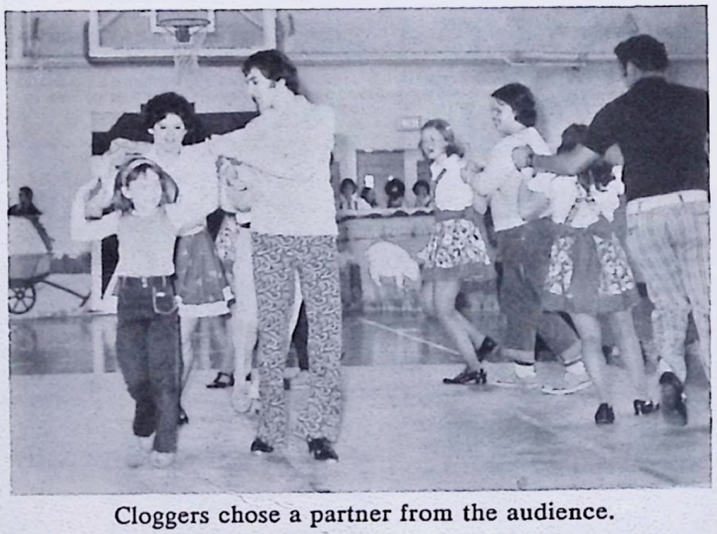
Michael Larson, drama teacher, applies make-up to actor Terry Lee.

NCSD MOUNTAINEER CLOGGERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Melva Lawing, Lee Meadows, Ralphine Tatum, Sherry Hunt, Traci Davis, Kenneth Swaim, Lesa Hinson, Robin Garrison, Debbie Turner, Peter Fitzgerald, Kandi Hemric, Rickie McMillan, Sheryl Lanier, Derald Swann.



Grandfather Mountain Cloggers perform at NCSD.



Cloggers chose a partner from the audience.

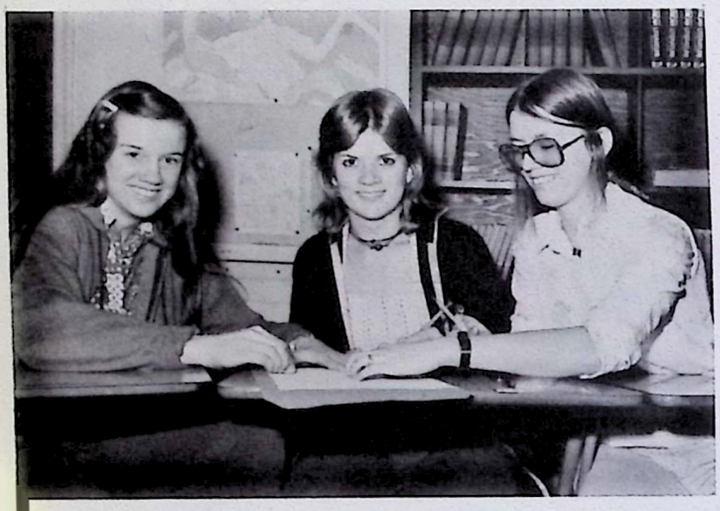
NCSD Cloggers competed at the State Fair in Raleigh.

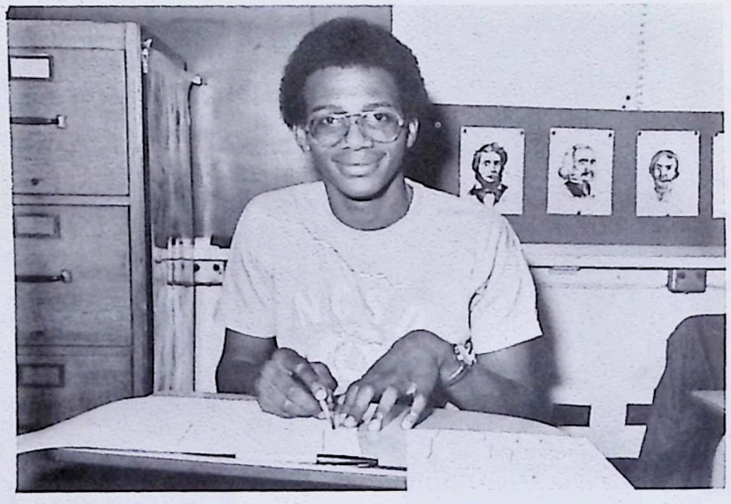
GIRLS' MONOGRAM CLUB

FIRST ROW: Cathy Carter, Debra Norris, Jackie Harrell, Cathy Michael, Betty Prince, Debbie Moore, Sharon Sheffield and Janet Williamson. SECOND ROW: Carolyn Cantrell, Diane Coleman, Barbara Klein, Lynn Capps, Faye Hunt, Teri Todd, Sandra Bittle and Pat Robinson.

BOYS' MONOGRAM CLUB

MEMBERS: Dennis Pearson, David Murphy, Craig Smith, Ricky Bundy, Randy Witmore, Terry Lee, Glenn Hatcher, Lee Newsome, Dennis Apperson, Craig Brown, John Harris, Jerome Brown, Nathan Curtis, Lorenzo Williams, Thomas Johnson, Jimmy Johnston, Robert Monroe, Leslie Atkinson, Jeff Triplett, Malcolm Orxendine, Darrell Millsaps, Bernard Grimes, Rickie Cordell, Dennis Grady, Billy Trexler, Von Campbell, Melvin Gentry, Greg Bower, Mike Banks, Johnny Quick, Allen Matthews, Jerry Porter, Billy Everhart, Lester Brown, Anthony Jackson, Ray Ripple, Terry Jarrett, Chuck Bowie. Garrett Walker, Harold Deuel, Robert Scheffel, Elmer Dillingham, *sponsors*.





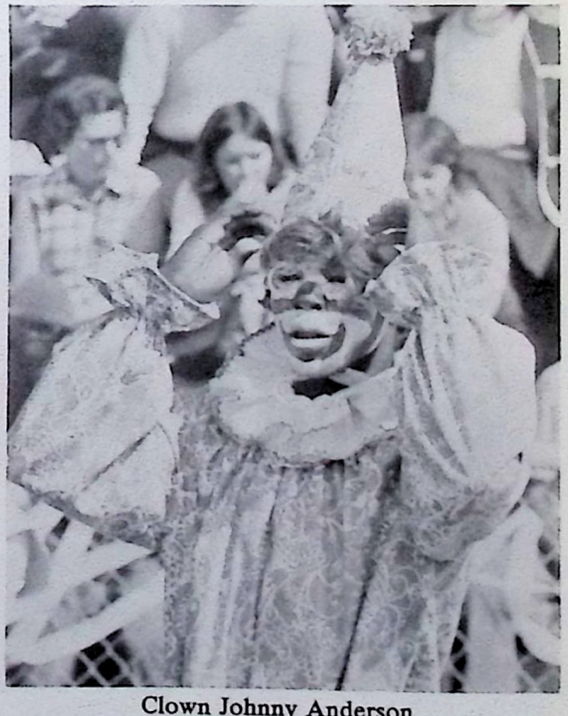
ANNUAL STAFF
Beth Dixon
Deborah Drum
Sharon Sheffield
Debra Norris
Lee Newsome
Billy Trexler
Boaz Samuel
Gary Godwin
Dennis Grady

ANNUAL ADVISORS
Pam Larson
Harold F. Brown

Nearly 3,000 alumni and friends attended the 1975 Homecoming.

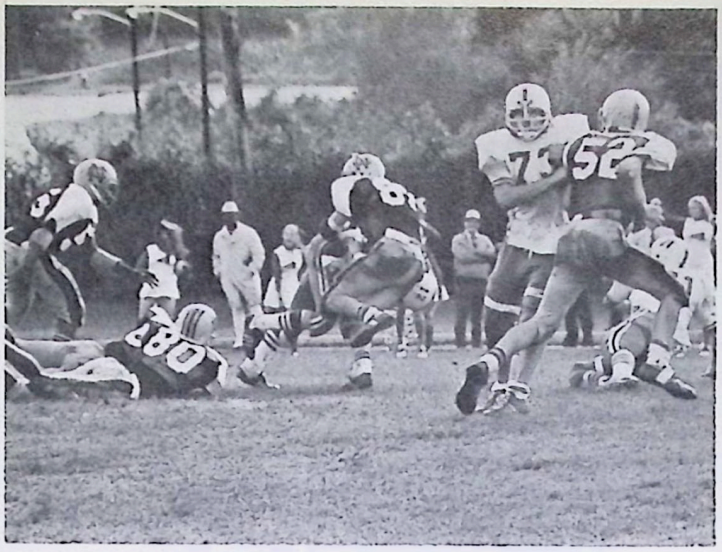
31st ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Cheerleaders, clowns, and the NCSD bear all support the team.



Clown Johnny Anderson

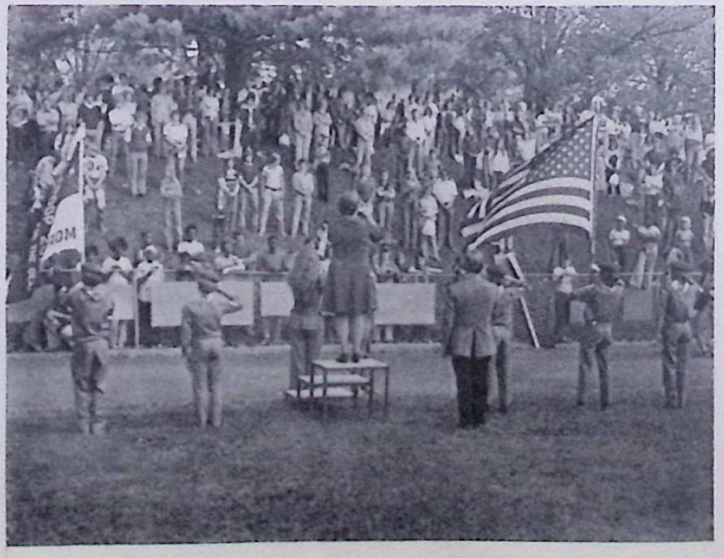
Defense, boys, defense!



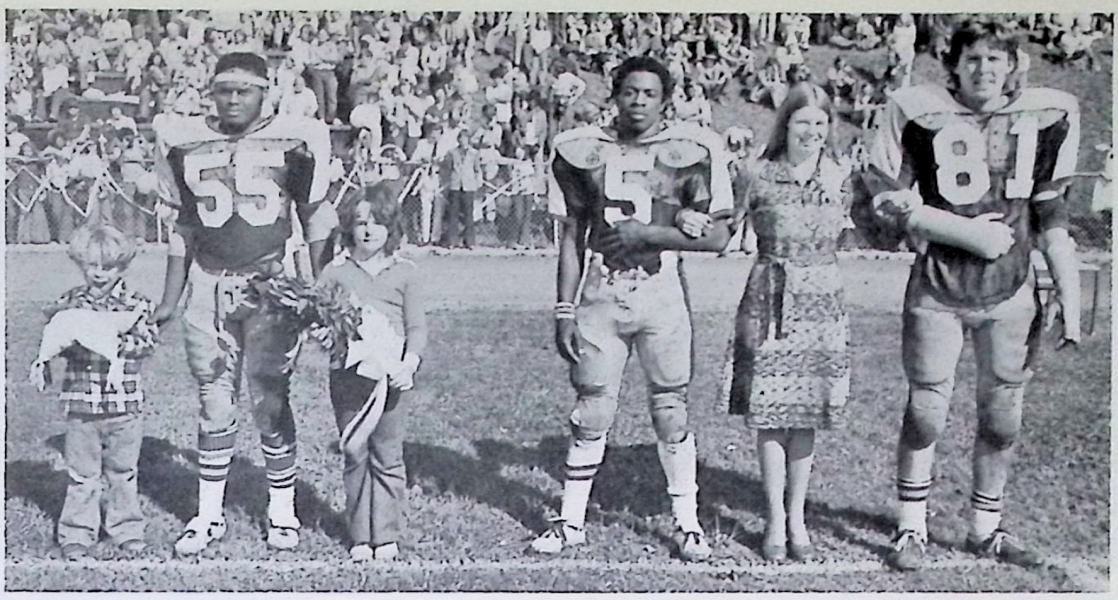
Get that ball and GO!

Ok! We receive, so let's get that ball and score.

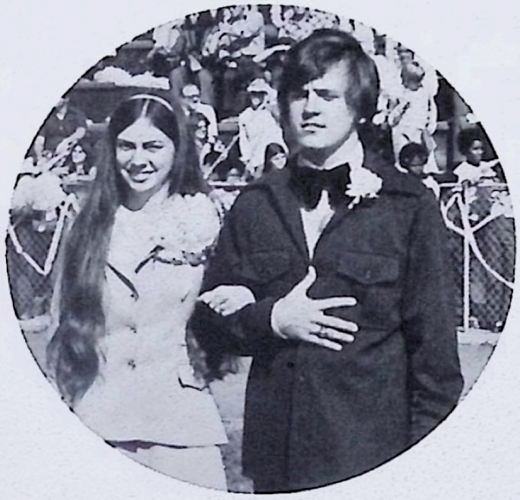
Go Team Go!



The game opens with our National Anthem.



Miss Lynn Capps, *homecoming queen* is being escorted by the football team *tri-captains.*



Linda Plemmons, *Senior Princess*
and Dale Rambeaut, *escort.*

Rusty Garrison, the *NCSD Bear.*

Tammy Lanier, *Junior Princess*
and Glenn Hatcher, *escort*

Shelia Lisane, *Sophomore Princess*
and Zebedee Burney, *escort.*

Kitty Parks, *Freshman Princess*
and Steve Collins, *escort.*

Sports

CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Shelia Swaim; Jackie Harrell; Cathy Michael; Barbara Klein, *drummer;* Theresa Sanders; Debbie Moore; Lynn Capps, *captain;* and Karen Cline.

NATIONAL DEAF PREP CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

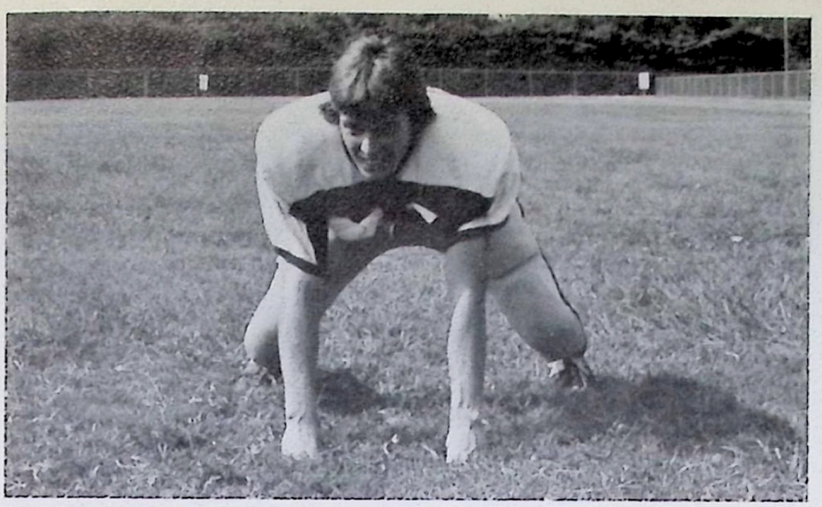
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mark Baucom, *manager;* Melvin Gentry, Chuck Bowie, Stanley Houston, Leslie Atkinson, Bobby Edwards, Chuck Horne, Jerry Porter, Jimmy Johnston, and Jerry Burch, *manager:* SECOND ROW: Bernard Grimes, *manager;* Lee Newsome, Roosevelt Odom, John Harris, Craig Brown, Darrell Millsaps, J.J. Williams, Mike Banks, Jerome Moore, Nathan Curtis, Ricky Bundy, and Jerome Brown, *manager:* THIRD ROW: Mr. Garrett Walker and Mr. Ken Michaels, *assistant coaches;* Dennis Grady and Richard Smith, *managers;* Arnold Ross, Ronnie Allen, Dean Hamilton, Melvin Sellers, Johnny Watson, Allen Matthews, Lester Brown, Pete Pate and Randy Whitmore, *managers;* Mr. Harold Deuel, *head coach.*

COACHES

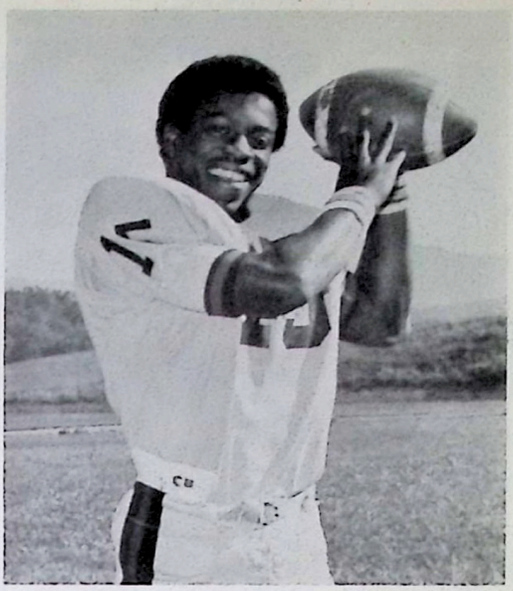
Garrett Walker, *assistant coach;* Harold Deuel, *head coach;* Ken Michaels, *assistant coach.*

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Don Westmoreland, *athletic director;* Craig Brown, *national deaf player of the year;* Harold Deuel, *head coach,* receiving the national championship trophy.



J. J. Williams
Tri-Captain
All-Conference
Deaf Prep All-American



Craig Brown
Tri-Captain
All-Conference
Deaf Prep All-American
Deaf Prep Player of the Year

Jerome Moore
All-Conference

1975 RECORD

NCSD	28	Cherokee	8
NCSD	14	Tryon	15
NCSD	18	Rosman	6
NCSD	58	West Va. School for the Deaf	20
NCSD	61	Virginia School for the Deaf	6
NCSD	6	Polk Central	2
NCSD	44	S. C. School for the Deaf	6
NCSD	70	Maryland School for the Deaf	6
NCSD	6	Edneyville	0
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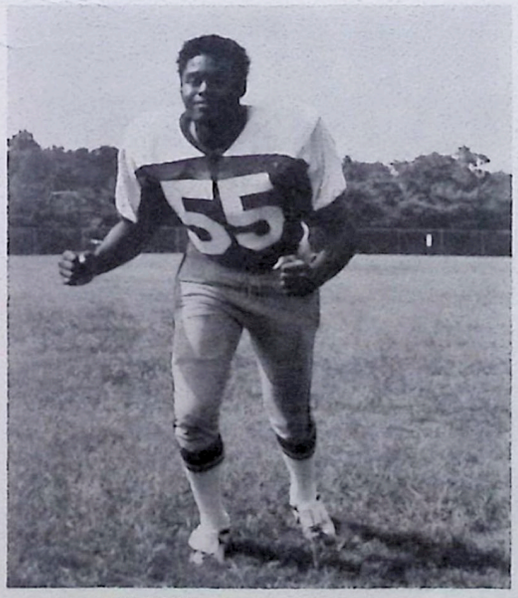
Won - 9 Lost - 1



Darrell Millsaps
Tri-Captain
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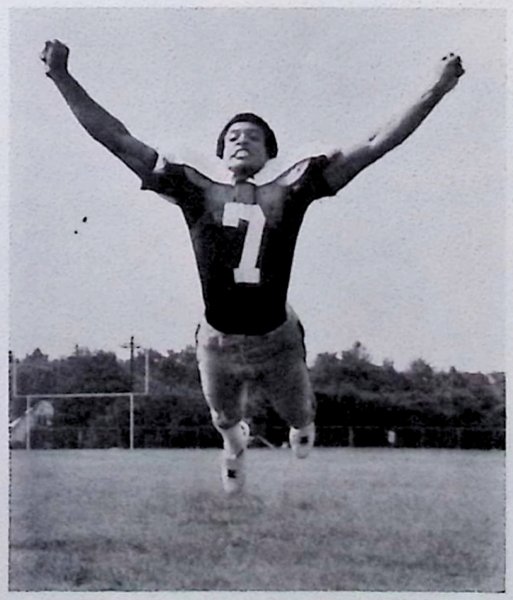
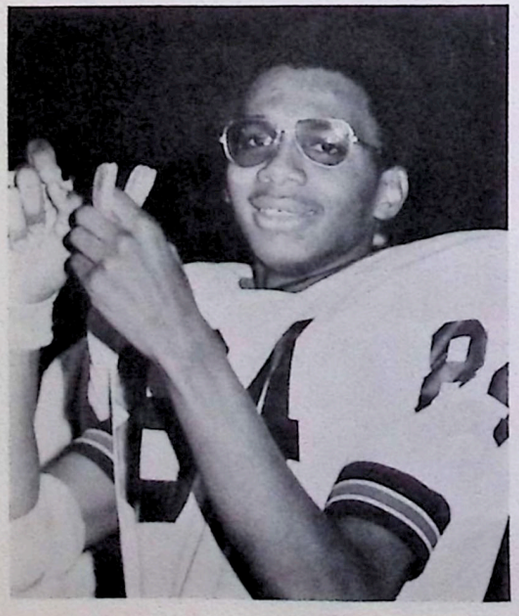


Roosevelt Odom
All-Conference
Deaf Prep All-American



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Peter Fitzgerald, Tony Goodson, and Allen Rankin. SECOND ROW: Andy Aycock, Derald Swann, Kevin Clark, Eddie Chastin, Tony Ratcliff, and Luke Morgan. THIRD ROW: Mark Baucom, *manager;* Randy Stultz, Paul Churchwell, Dennis Apperson, Martin Garrett, Brian McAbee, Johnny Anderson, *manager;* and Mr. Ken Michaels, *head coach.*

CO-CAPTAINS AND COACH

LEFT TO RIGHT: Eddie Chastin, Ken Michaels, *head coach;* Dennis Apperson.

1975 JUNIOR VARSITY RECORD

NCSD	0	Cherokee	6
NCSD	0	Tryon	6
NCSD	0	Rosman	20
NCSD	64	ENCSD	0
NCSD	14	Edneyville	0
NCSD	18	Polk Central	14

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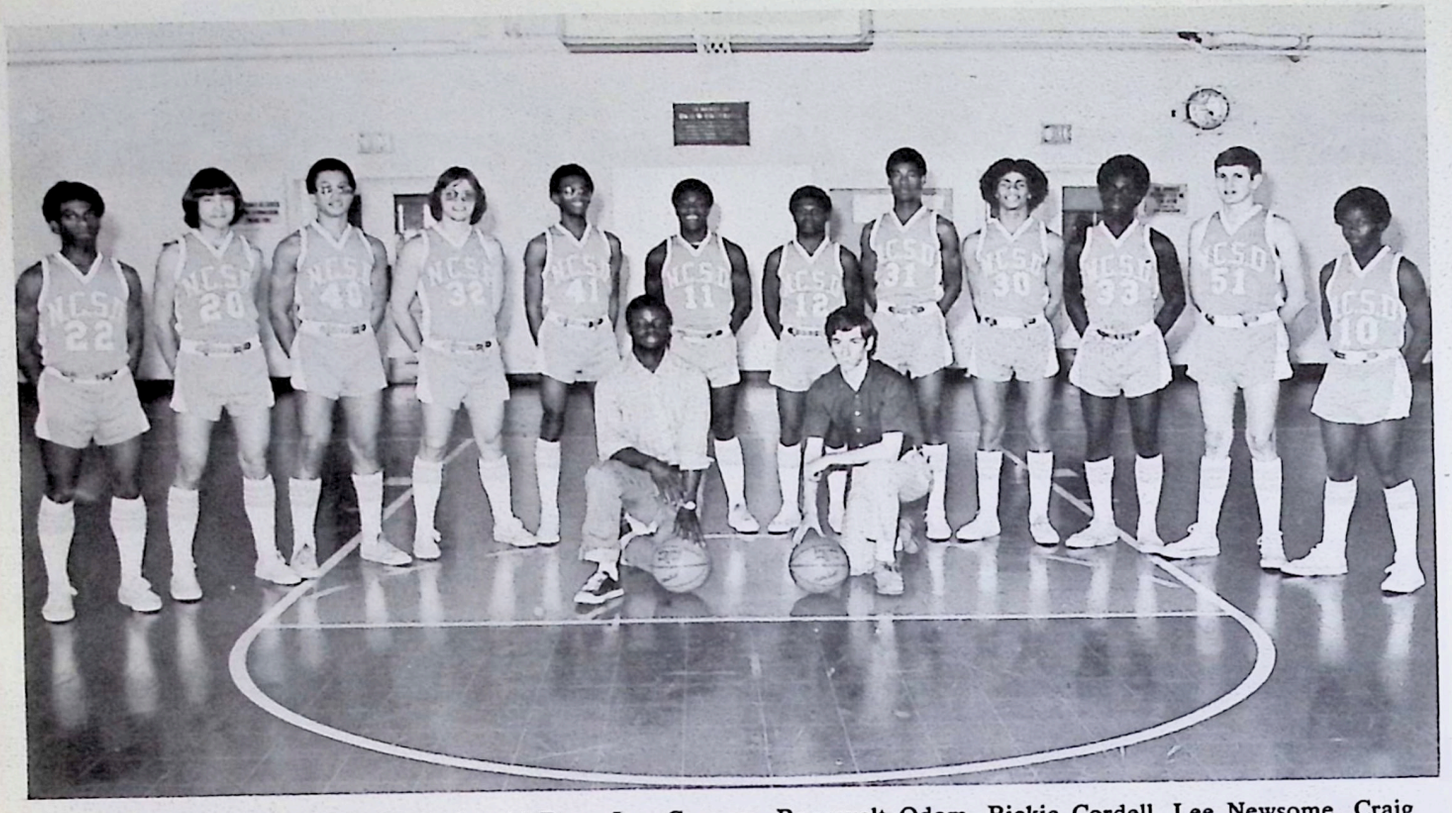
BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Arnold Ross, Lee Conners, Roosevelt Odom, Rickie Cordell, Lee Newsome, Craig Brown, Jerome Moore, Mike Banks, Leslie Atkinson, Anthony Jackson, Johnny Quick, Stanley Houston. KNEELING: Bernard Grimes, and Gregory Bower, *managers.*

1975-76 RECORD

NCSD	62	Ashe Central	48
NCSD	73	Asheville Country Day	47
NCSD	86	SCSD	78
NCSD	58	Polk Central	51
NCSD	58	Edneyville	54
NCSD	60	Polk Central	62
NCSD	73	Cherokee	81
NCSD	71	Ben Lippen	57
NCSD	57	Rosman	50
NCSD	52	SCSD	64
NCSD	52	Tryon	55
NCSD	80	Asheville Country Day	31
NCSD	76	Cherokee	46
NCSD	59	Edneyville	61
NCSD	58	Rosman	59
NCSD	79	Tryon	73
NCSD	67	Ben Lippen	55
		PLAYOFF	
NCSD	67	Polk Central	73
		MASON-DIXON TOURNAMENT	
NCSD	67	Mississippi	61
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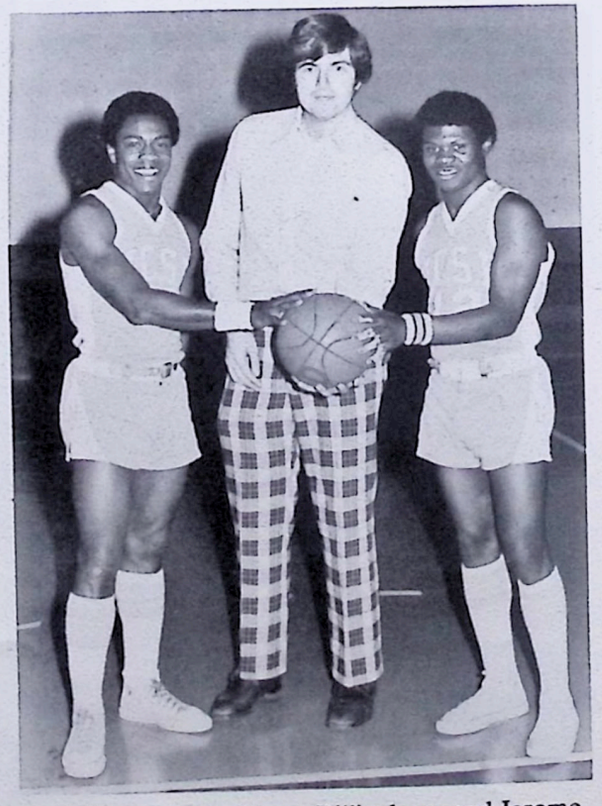
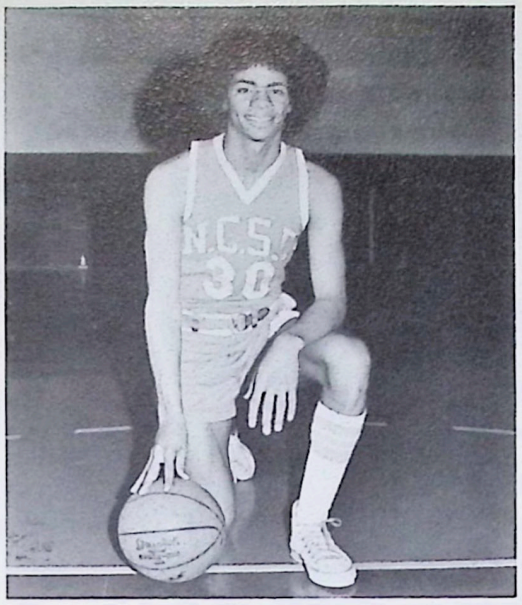
NCSD	54	SCSD	57

COACH AND CAPTAINS

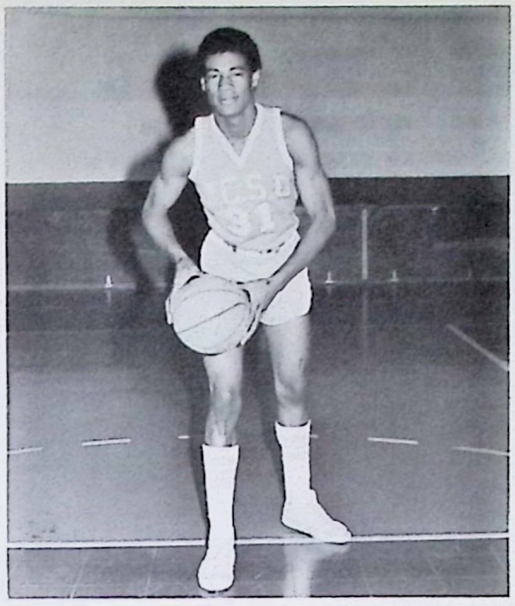


Craig Brown, Mr. Elmer Dillingham, and Jerome Moore

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Leslie Atkinson



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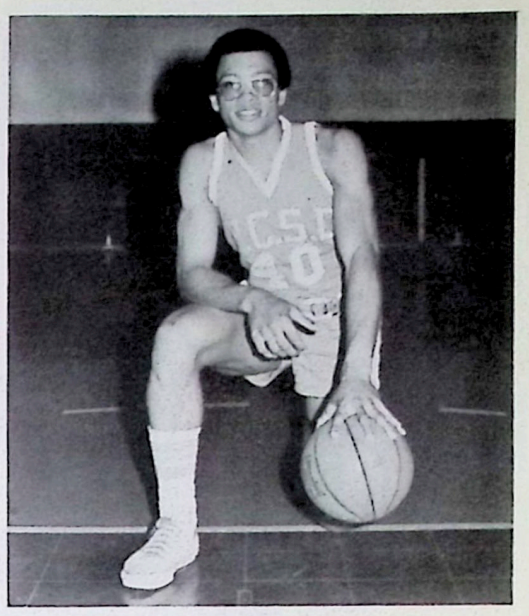
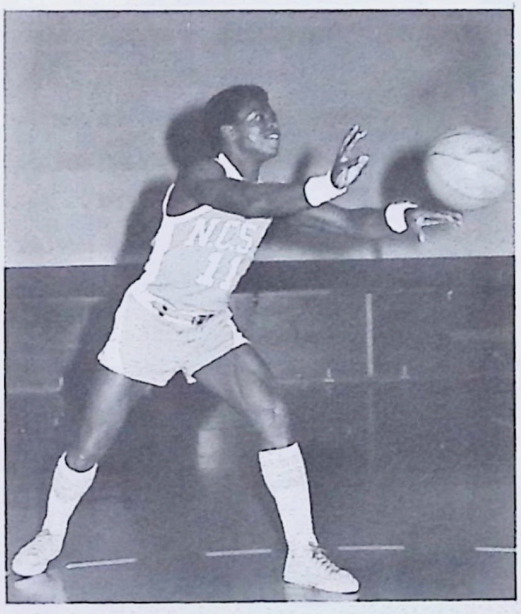


Roosevelt Odom



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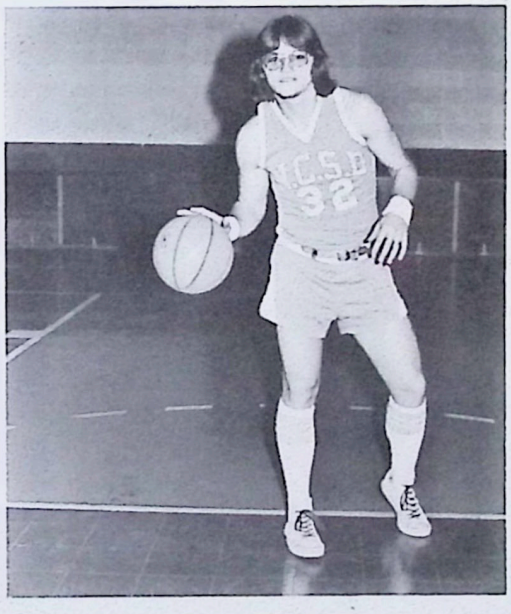

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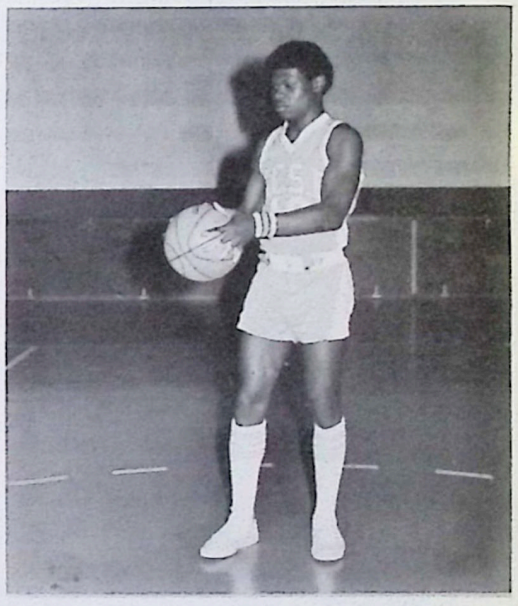

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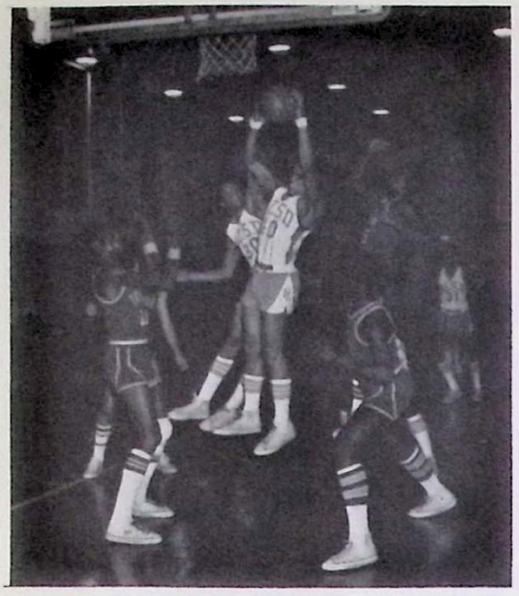

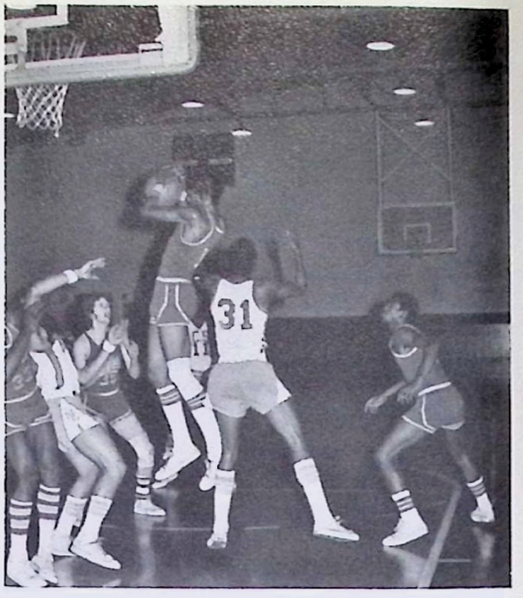

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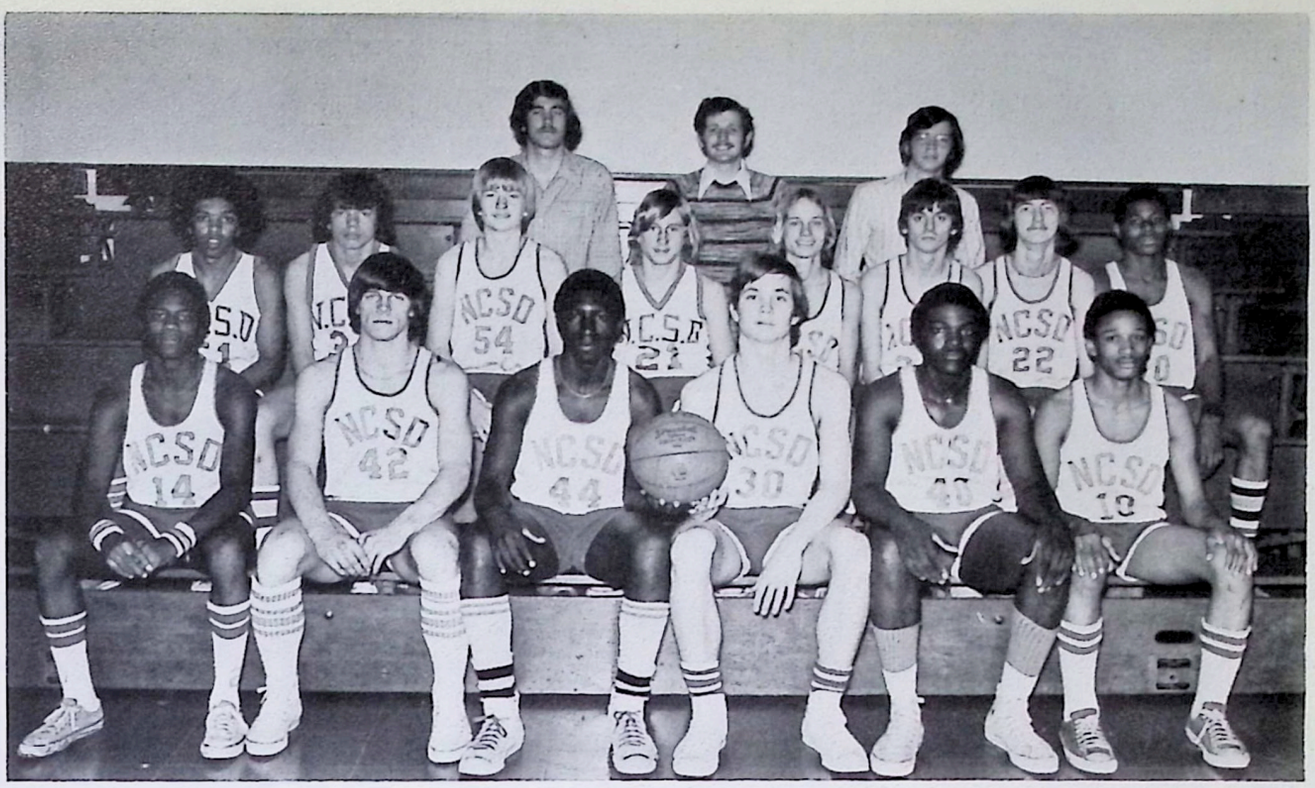
JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

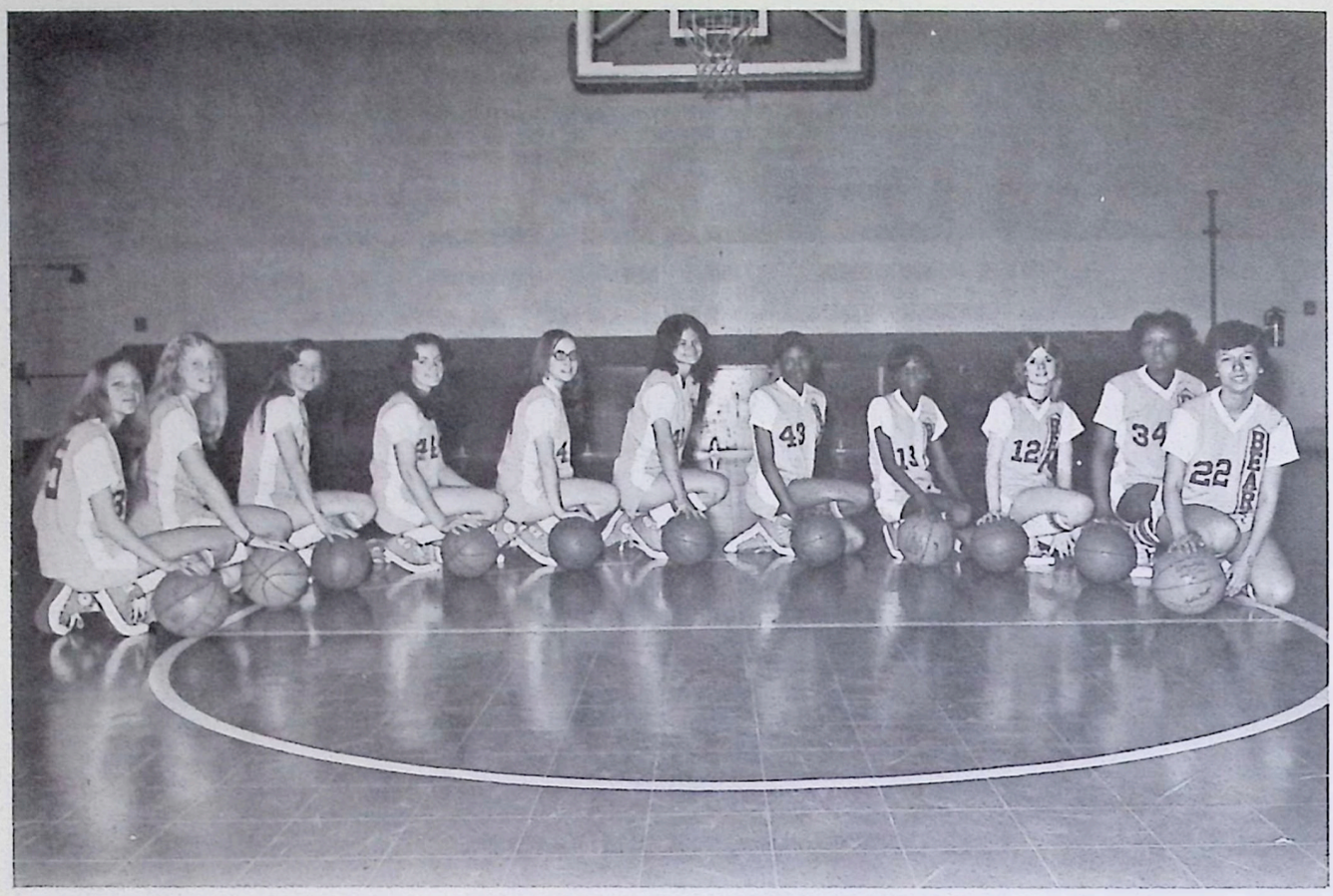


FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bobby Edwards, Ricky Bentley, Melvin Sellers, *tri-captain;* Chuck Horne, Dean Hamilton, *tri-captain;* Zebedee Burney, *tri-captain.* SECOND ROW: Paul Churchwell, Harold Hatcher, Kevin Clark, Tom Clark, Karl Allen, Don Lambert, Bill Mangum, Mike Ingram. THIRD ROW: Dru Garner, *manager;* Martin Florsheim, *coach;* Steve Collins, *manager.*

EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Randy Jessup, *manager;* Randy Stultz, Bryon Lackey, Wesley Jones, Ricky Sanders, Joe Fish, Donald Clarke, *coach.* SECOND ROW: Luke Morgan, Dale Dees, *captain;* Tim Smith, Charles Biddix, Arnold McGee, *captain.*

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



LEFT TO RIGHT: Pam Capps, Janet Williamson, Debra Norris, Sandra Bittle, Eve Solesby, Faye Hunt, Pat Douglas, Deborah Ellis, Sharon Sheffield, Pat Robinson, Nancy Cordova.

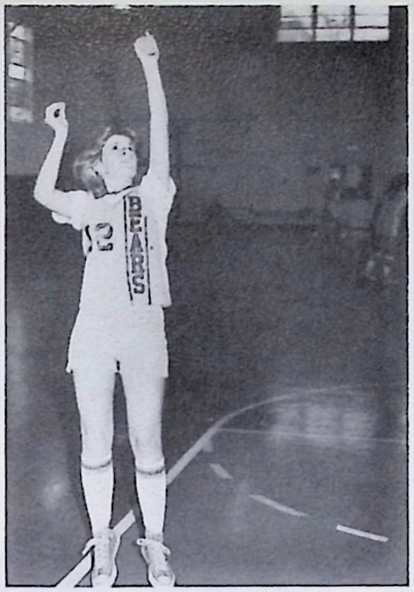
MANAGERS

Tammy Williams, Denise Edwards, Debra Scott

CAPTAINS AND COACH

Sharon Sheffield, Sandra Bittle, Pat Robinson, and Mr. Harlteen Stamps, *coach.*

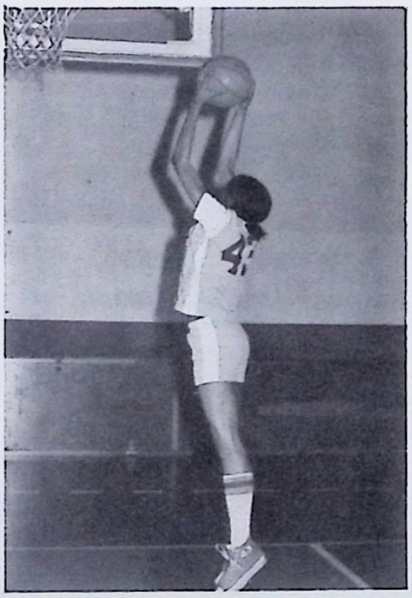
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Sharon Sheffield
Senior

Debra Norris
Junior

Faye Hunt
Junior



Pat Douglas
Junior

Sandra Bittle
Senior

Pat Robinson
Senior

1975-76 RECORD

NCSD	53	Ashe Central	15	NCSD	45	Tryon	42
NCSD	40	Asheville Country Day School	34	NCSD	54	Asheville Country Day School	42
NCSD	32	SCSD	26	NCSD	41	Cherokee	52
NCSD	31	Polk Central	55	NCSD	38	Edneyville	83
NCSD	24	Edneyville	80	NCSD	42	Rosman	47
NCSD	35	Polk Central	55	NCSD	44	Tryon	35
NCSD	28	Cherokee	60			TOURNAMENT	
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8 Wins — 8 Losses

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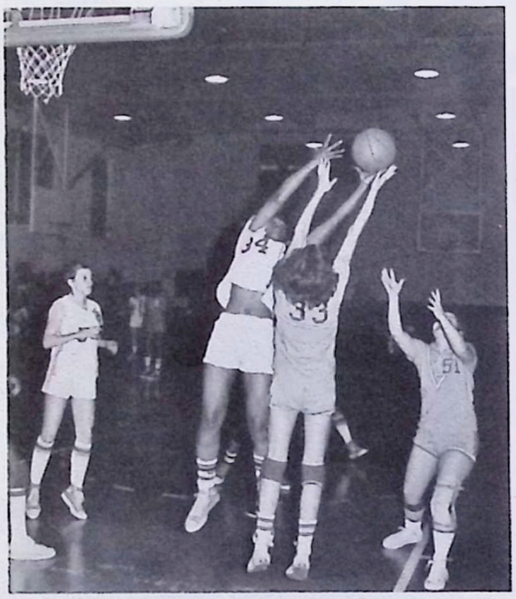


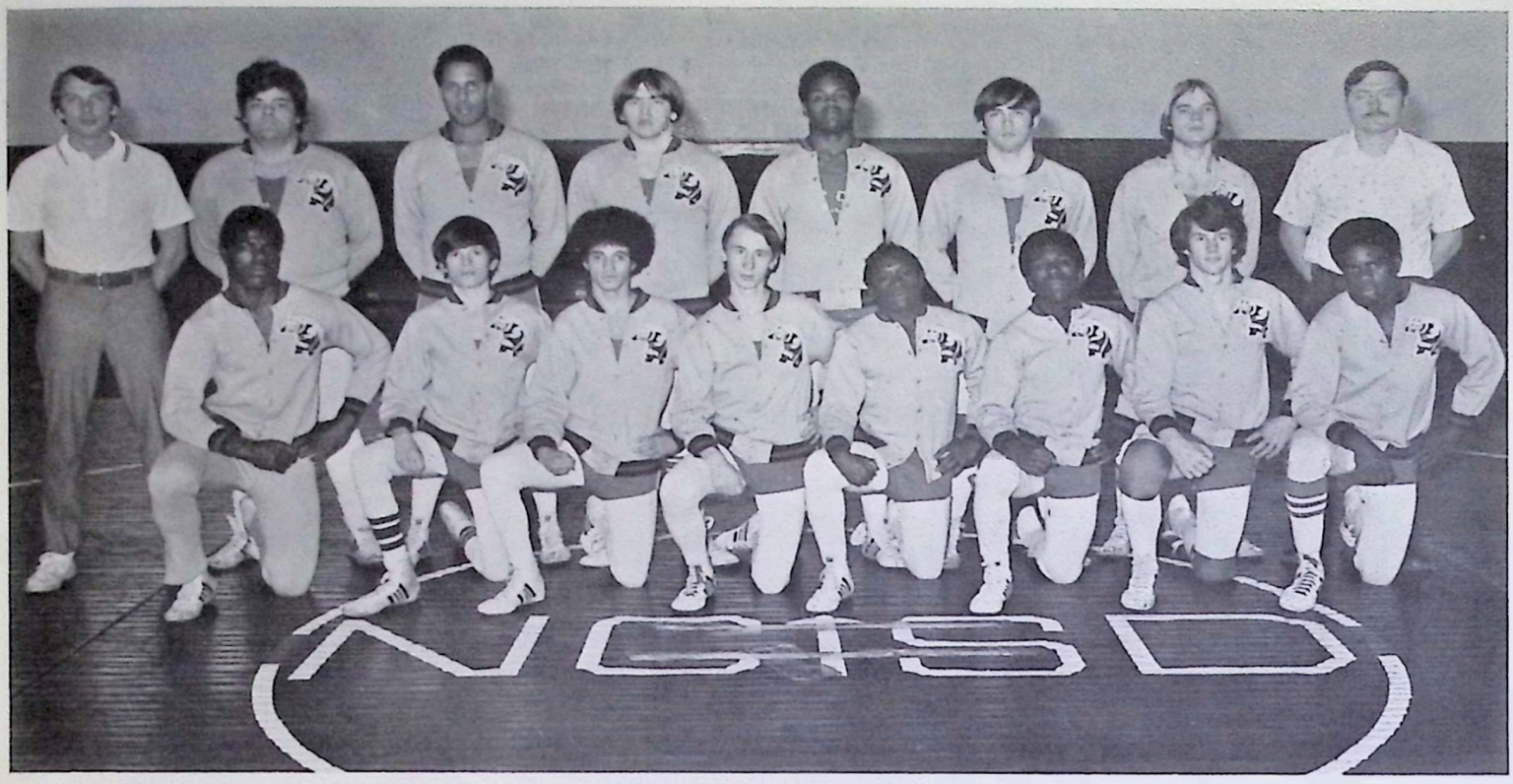
EIGHTH GRADE GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Ann Hodges, Linda Rankin, Jackie Justice, Linda Dees, Denise Warren, Ann Solesby, Wissa Jones, and Terri Roof, *manager.* SECOND ROW: Miss Sandra Turner, *coach;* Bernice Robbins, Jane Bruce, Bobbie Mitchell, Tammy Shepherd, Glenda Hunt, Cassie Allen, and Kim Gilleland.

EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS

Lynn Wheatley, Cindy Sparks, Cathy Hager, Sylvia Cruse, and Kathy Atkinson.

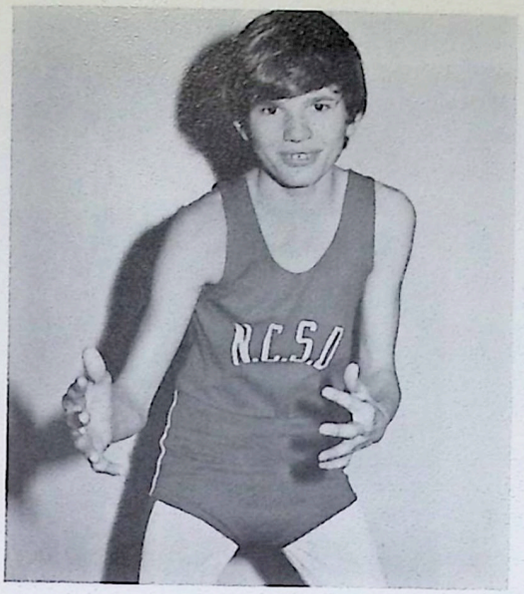
VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM



FRONT ROW: Johnny Anderson, Thomas Johnson, Gerald Warren, David Murphy, Ricky Lawrence, Lorenzo Williams, Dennis Apperson, Nathan Curtis. SECOND ROW: Ken Michaels, *assistant coach;* Malcolm Oxendine, Robert Dunn, Tony Ratcliff, Darrell Millsaps, Eddie Chastain, Jimmy Johnston, Harold Deuel, *head coach.*

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM

FRONT ROW: Kent Babson, Dale Hancock, Terry Jarrett, Mark Baucom, Craig Smith, Billy Trexler, *managers.* SECOND ROW: Larry Ellis, Terry Jones, Allen Rankin, Billy Everhart, Tim Stanback, Jerry Burch, Brian McAbee, Stuart Haddock. THIRD ROW: Randy Witmore, *manager;* Richard Smith, Ricky Bundy, Ronnie Allen, Martin Garrett, Mike Worthington, Mike Hall, Ken Phillips, Von Campbell, *manager.*



Thomas Johnson
98 lb. class
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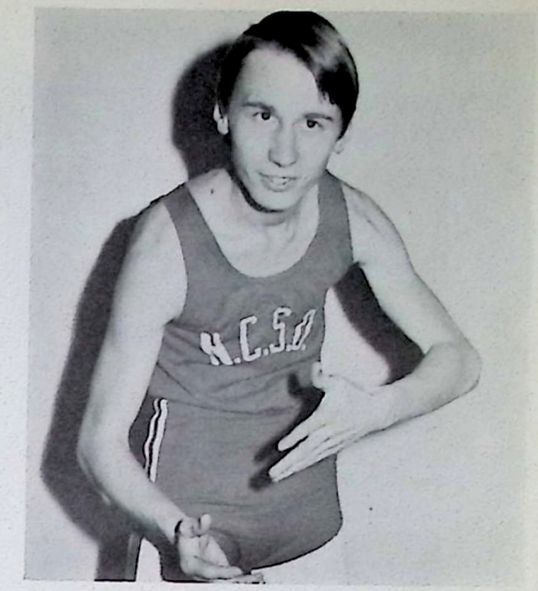
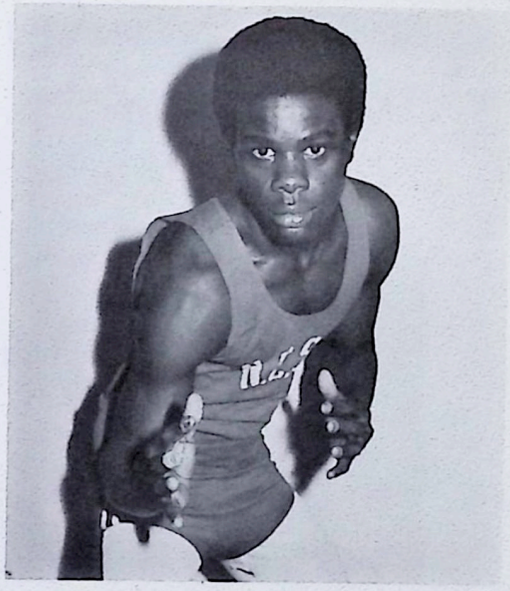
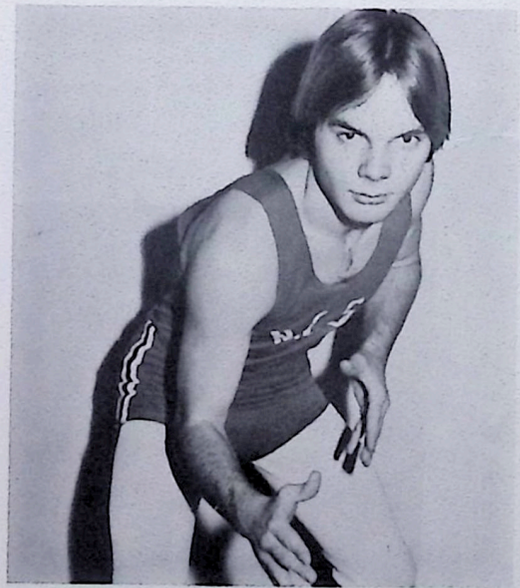


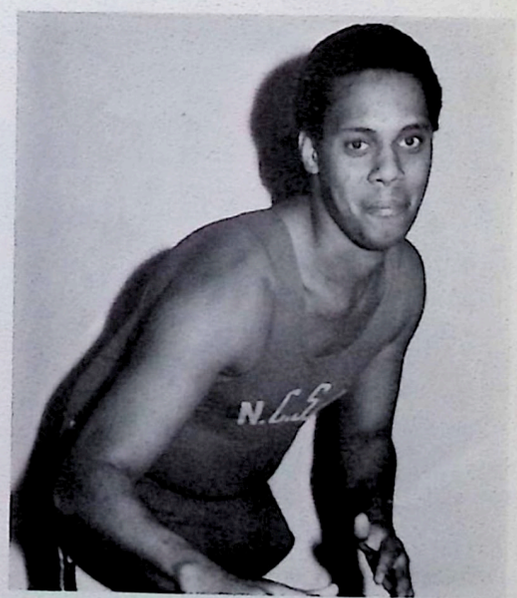
David Murphy
Captain
112 lb. class
15-9



Nathan Curtis
138 lb. class
18-5



Jimmy Johnston
Captain
145 lb. class
14-7



Robert Dunn
195 lb. class
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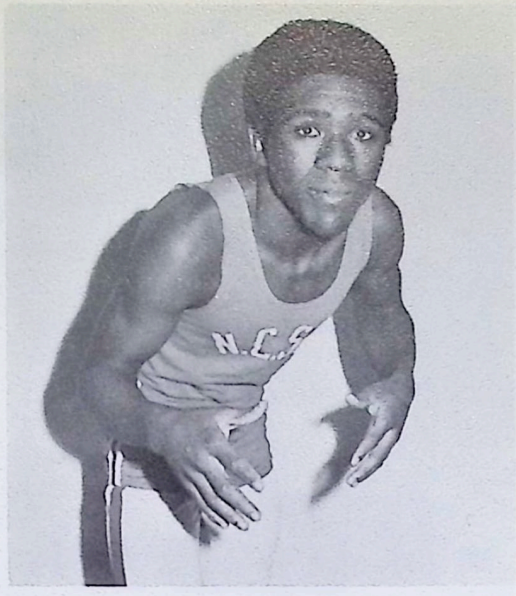
Ricky Lawrence
119 lb. class
14-5



Lorenzo Williams
126 lb. class
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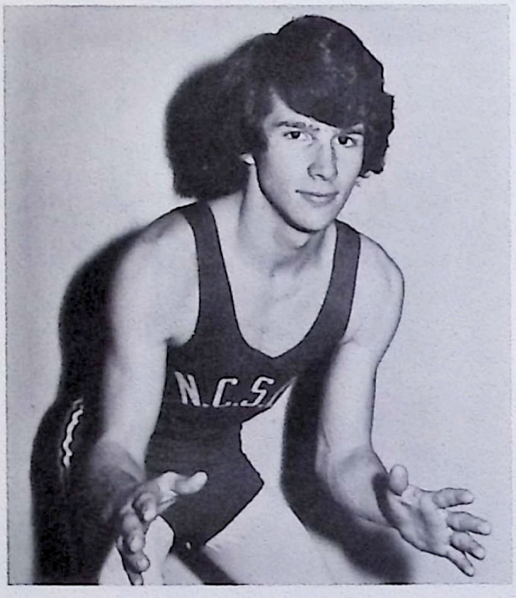
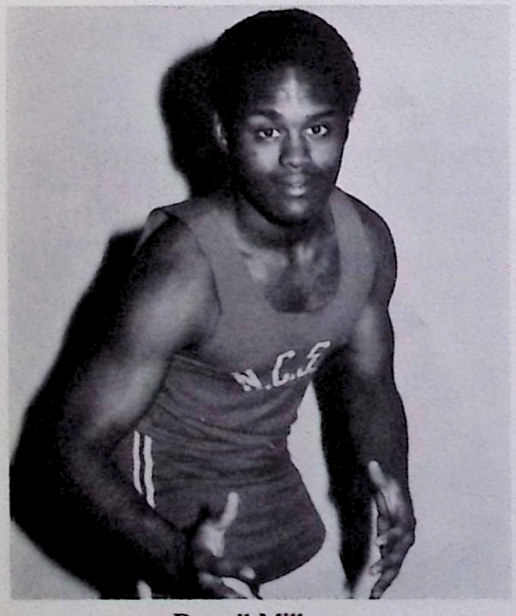
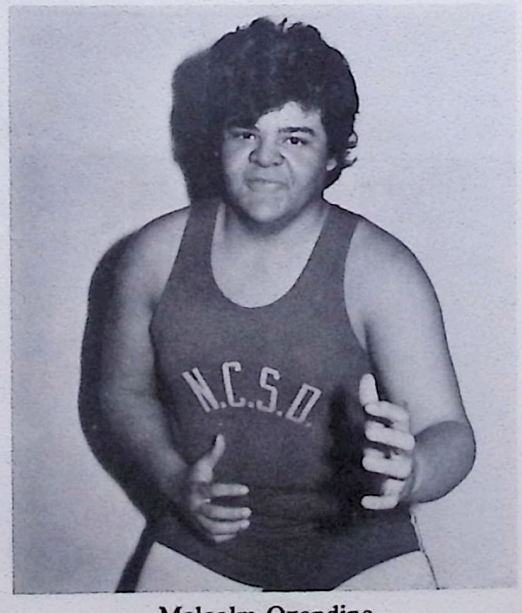


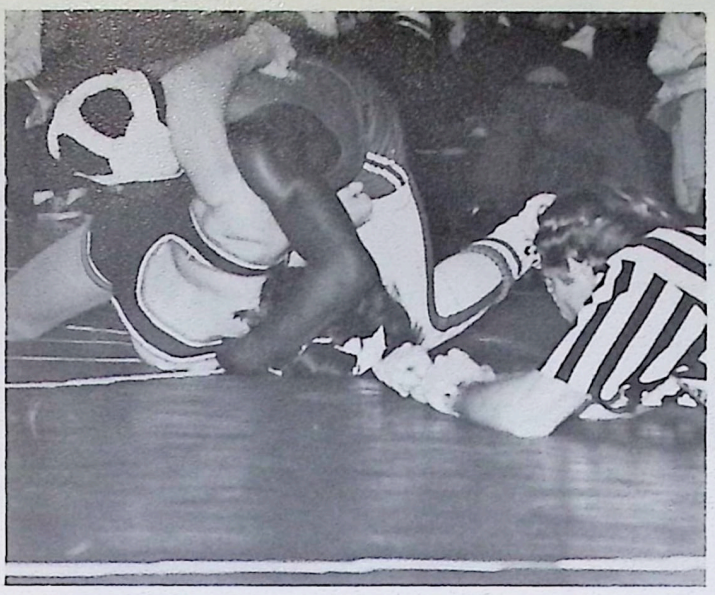
Dennis Apperson
132 lb. class
16-10

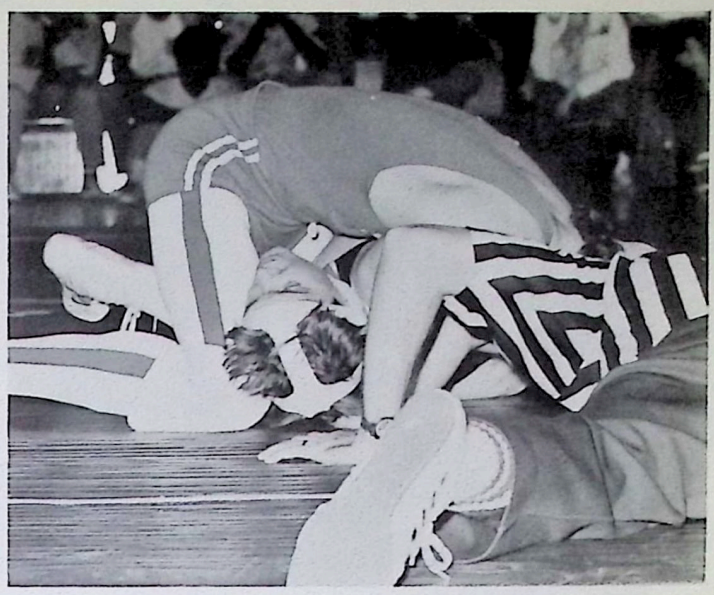


Darrell Millsaps
185 lb. class
18-7



Malcolm Oxendine
Heavyweight
12-10





1976 WRESTLING RECORD

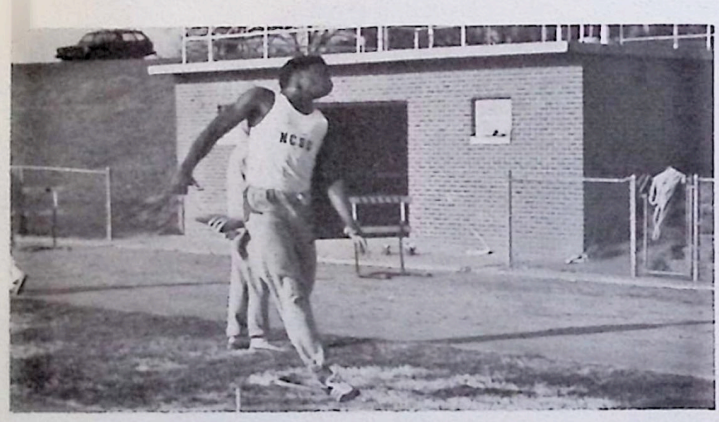
NCSD	53	Edneyville	17	NCSD	61	Carmel Academy	7
NCSD	48	Edneyville	21	NCSD	60	Christ School	15
NCSD	66	Chase	10	NCSD	23	St. Stephens	42
NCSD		Cherokee (Forfeit)		NCSD	65	Bandys	12
NCSD	58	Chase	14	NCSD	28	Hibriten	34
NCSD	55	North Gaston	18	NCSD	10	East Burke	52
NCSD		Cherokee (Forfeit)		NCSD		Lincolnton (Forfeit)	
NCSD	55	Chase	15	NCSD	21	Charlotte Country Day	45
NCSD	27	McDowell	29	NCSD	51	Freedom	21
NCSD	39	Edneyville	28				

WON 14 - LOST 5

Western North Carolina State Sectional Tournament (25 teams) — 11th place
Charlotte Country Day School Invitational Tournament — 2nd place

BOYS' TRACK TEAM

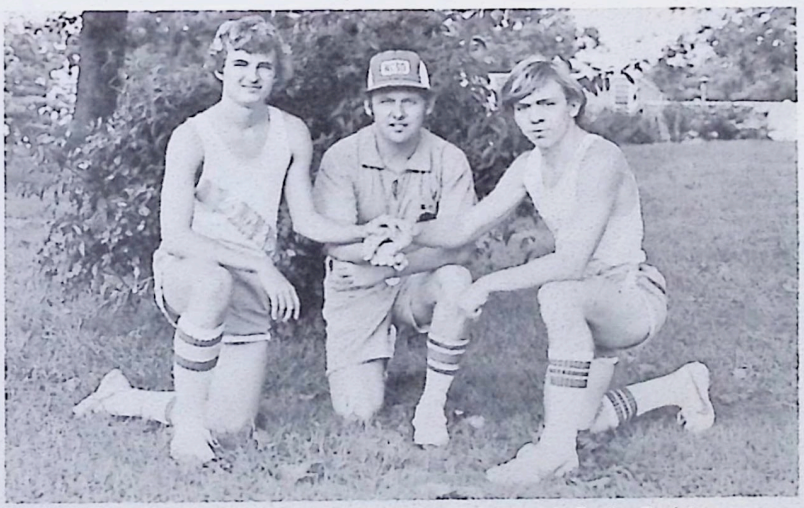
FRONT ROW: Mike Worthington, Roosevelt Odom, Johnny Watson, Lee Newsome, Bernard Grimes, Rickie Cordell, Nathan Curtis, Craig Brown, Craig Smith. SECOND ROW: Clinton Thomas, *manager;* Ricky Bentley, Timothy Stanley, Jerry Pittman, Darrell Milsaps, Melvin Sellers, Ricky Dula, Jimmy Johnston, Melvin Gentry, Stanley Houston, Reggie McCain, Frankie Corbett, *manager.* THIRD ROW: Mr. Robert Scheffel, *assistant coach;* Robert Monroe, *manager;* Zebedee Burney, Brian McAbee, Johnny Anderson, Greg Bower, Chuck Horne, Jerry Burch, Kevin Clark, Bobby Edwards, Arnold Ross, Gerald Warren, Mike Regan, *manager;* Dennis Grady, *manager;* Mr. Garrett Walker, *head coach.*



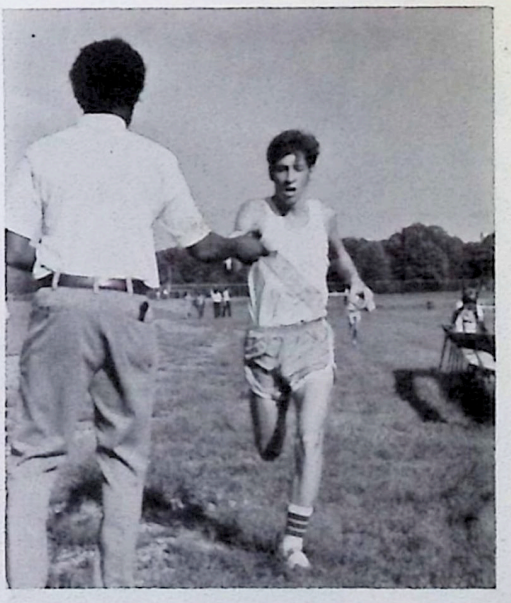
CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

FRONT ROW: Craig Smith, David Murphy, Jeff Triplett, Jerry Pittman, Ricky Dula, Don Lambert, Thomas Johnson. SECOND ROW: Mr. Robert Scheffel, *coach;* Dennis Apperson, Mike Worthington, Greg Bower, Vernon Meeker, Dennis Grady, *manager.*

COACH AND CAPTAINS



Jerry Pittman, Mr. Robert Scheffel, and Craig Smith.



GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

FRONT ROW: Cecila McRae, Greta Lightsey, Thelma Keaton, Phyllis Clark, Linda Bethea, Barbara Klein. SECOND ROW: Pat Douglas, Pam Capps, Sarah Phillips, Roxanne Winston, Mickie Triplett. THIRD ROW: Suzanne Brinkley, *manager;* Janet Williamson, *manager;* Sharon Sheffield, *manager;* Nancy Cordova, *manager;* Donna Foster, Pat Robinson, Debra Norris, Mr. Harlteen Stamps, *coach.*

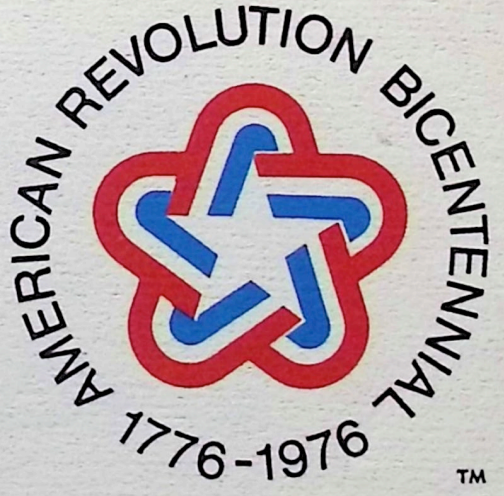
CAPTAINS AND COACH

Pat Robinson, Mr. Harlteen Stamps, and Debra Norris

RELAY TEAM

Greta Lightsey, Sarah Phillips, Debra Norris, and Pat Robinson

All men who have come to know liberty celebrate it. Each generation learns that it can be lost through neglect and complacency. Today we salute two hundred years of vigilant independence for these United States of America.



"We cannot, I fear, falsify the pedigree of this fierce people, and persuade them that they are not sprung from a nation in whose veins the blood of freedom circulates."

Edmund Burke 1766

British Stamp Tax Seal 1765

If one were to isolate a single incident which precipitated colonial America's struggle for independence, it would be the Stamp Act of 1765. If there was a point of no return, it occurred with the "Olive Branch" petition of 1775. This ten-year period marked a time in which a nation was fashioned, forged in the heat of frustration on the anvil of the North American continent.

An overwhelming problem facing the British Crown in the 1760's was the financial strain placed upon the English people — a strain furthered, in part, by the maintenance of British troops in the American colonies. The steady expansion westward called for even more troops to protect and secure this new land.

Rebellious Stripes Flag

In 1765, by royal proclamation, King George III closed all land west of the Alleghenies to further immigration and expansion. Parliament, in order to force the colonies "to pay their fair share" for protection, passed the Stamp Act. Although this tax on documents and legal papers amounted only to £60,000 a year, there was instant outcry from the colonies against this internal tax. Many felt that it was one more burden in a list of repressive acts by the Crown.

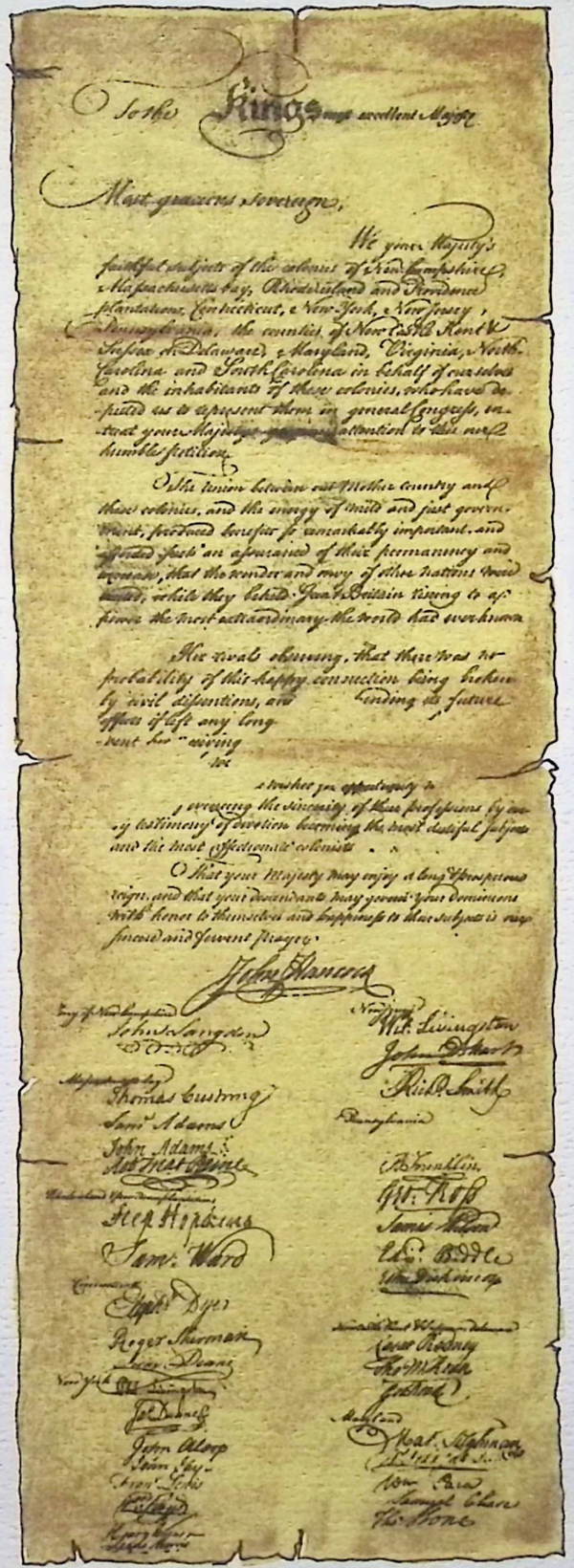
Fear also existed among English creditors that colonial merchants and planters could not meet their debts and pay this additional tax as well.

The seeds of discontent were spreading through the colonies farther and faster than anyone expected. New problems of enforcing the taxes, conducting trials, and meting out punishments all brought further alarm. In Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and even in Williamsburg, apprehension began to run high.

In a fiery speech before the House of Burgesses May 29, 1765, months before the Stamp Act was to go into effect, Patrick Henry "shook the spire of the Capitol" with his verbal assault against the Crown. Many cautious men who heard it, including a young lawyer named

in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political b

Olive Branch Petition 1775



Thomas Jefferson, suggested that "Patrick had come close to treason."

In small groups Virginians began to meet at the Raleigh Tavern and the Bruton Parrish Church to form a resolution. With the help of a colonel from Mount Vernon, George Washington, they framed the Virginia Resolutions. Before long all the colonies were adopting resolves, refusing "taxation without representation."

The spring of 1766 saw the repeal of the Stamp Act. But King George, fearing that other British territories would follow America's lead and refuse to pay their taxes, decided to make an example of the American colonies "by putting them in their place."

"Every man in England seems to consider himself as a piece of a sovereign over America."

Benjamin Franklin 1767

In place of an internal tax, external taxes were levied on such goods as lead, glass, paper, paint and tea. Several other acts, among them the Townshend Act, levying duties and permitting the search and seizure of property, soon became the law. Local government was giving way to control by "men paid by the Crown."

Grand Union Flag

...ds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, th...

*"Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and George the Third may profit by their example. If **this** be treason, make the most of it!"*

Patrick Henry 1765

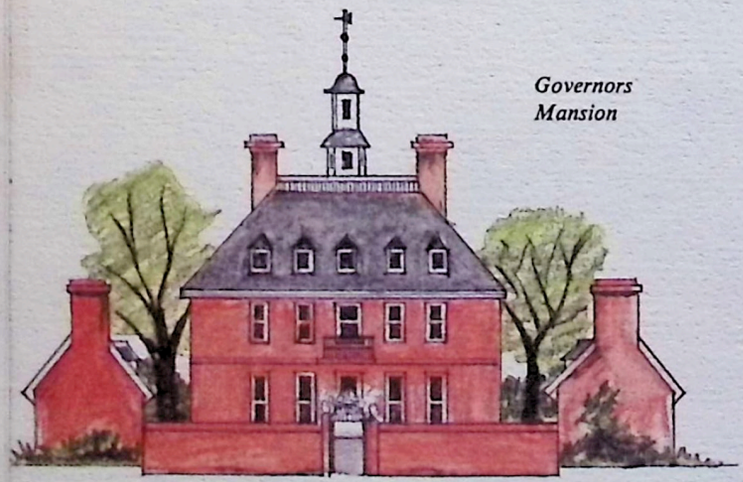
Through the years of 1767-69, tensions seethed just below the surface. Most of the trouble occurred in the port cities and surrounding areas. The press became more unified and more outspoken for colonial rights.

In 1769, George Washington, in an address to the House of Burgesses, called for a set of resolves which stated "only Virginians could tax Virginians." Soon Virginia joined Massachusetts in an importation agreement. The colonies showed unity by boycotting English goods.

By the spring of 1770, after the tally sheets of British merchants showed a strong decline in revenue, the Townshend Act died. All that remained was a small tax on tea. The American patriots still were not satisfied. Skirmishes between the "Sons of Liberty" and British troops garrisoned in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia would occasionally break out, but not until March 5, 1770, was the real spark ignited.

A British sentry was standing his post that night in front of the Commons House in Boston while local toughs taunted him. Several other guards came to assist him and soon the mob had grown to considerable size. A shot was fired and, before order was restored, several colonials were dead or wounded. What soon became known as the "Boston Massacre" was a signal fire to militant radicals like Samuel Adams of Boston. Fanning the flames wherever and whenever possible, the rebels kept alive the spirit of independence.

England remained antagonistic to the cause of independence during 1771-72, steering a middle course with the colonies, trying for some reasonable solution. During this time, however, the Sons



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Raleigh Tavern

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of Liberty continued to exchange ideas through the efforts of the Committee of Correspondence. Formed by Samuel Adams, the Committee used post riders to deliver pamphlets and letters dealing with the latest British offenses, and the newest hopes for colonial freedom. One of the best of these riders was the Boston silversmith, Paul Revere.

Meanwhile, Benjamin Franklin, Deputy Postmaster General, was in England trying patiently to work out the problems between the Crown and the colonies. It was here that he came into possession of some letters which indicated that

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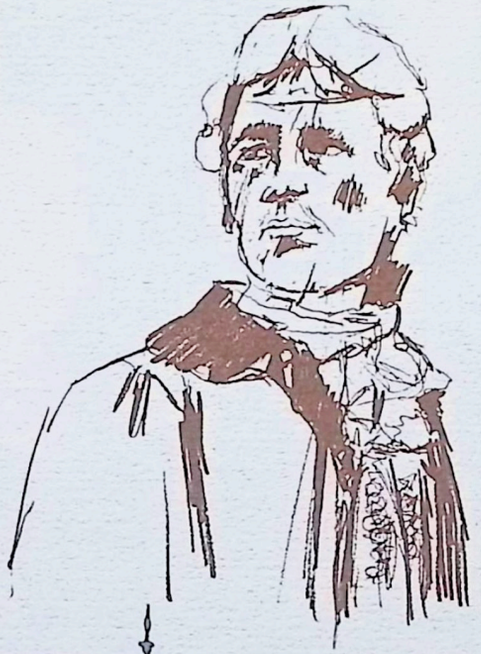
not all of the problems and questions of the colonies were being forwarded to Parliament; hence the many miscalculations created by the absence of proper information could not be (categorically) placed at the door of Parliament.



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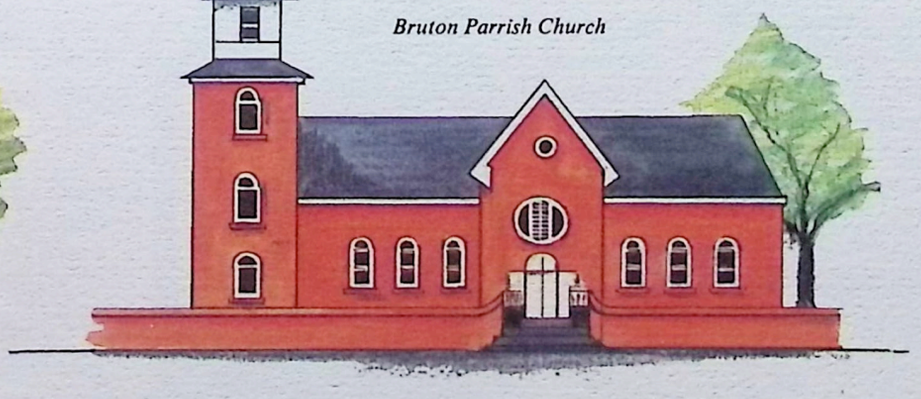

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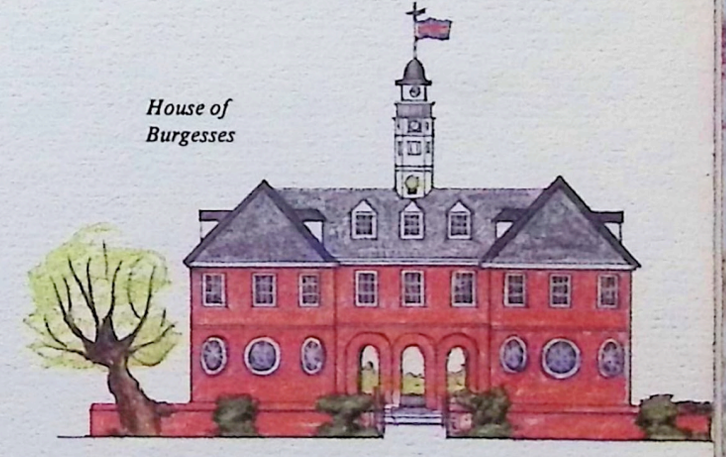
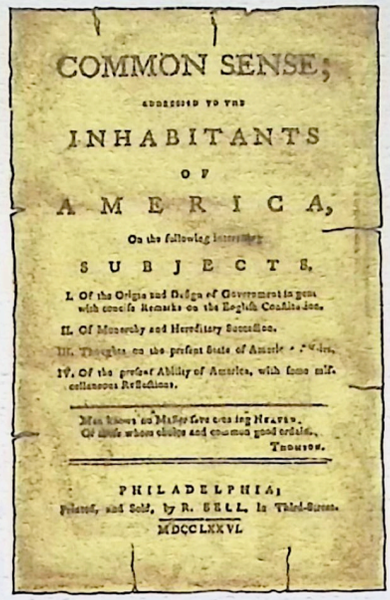


ect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them

"Military power will never awe a sensible American tamely to surrender his liberty."

Samuel Adams 1768

In 1773, the British Parliament again blundered, but for the last time. To assist the financially troubled East India Company, England gave it an exclusive monopoly on tea imports to the colonies. This sanctioned monopoly, combined with the tea tax still in effect, fanned the flames of revolt. As ships arrived, the patriots held "tea parties." In Boston, Sam Adams organized 150 men, disguised as Indians, to dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor in protest of the tax.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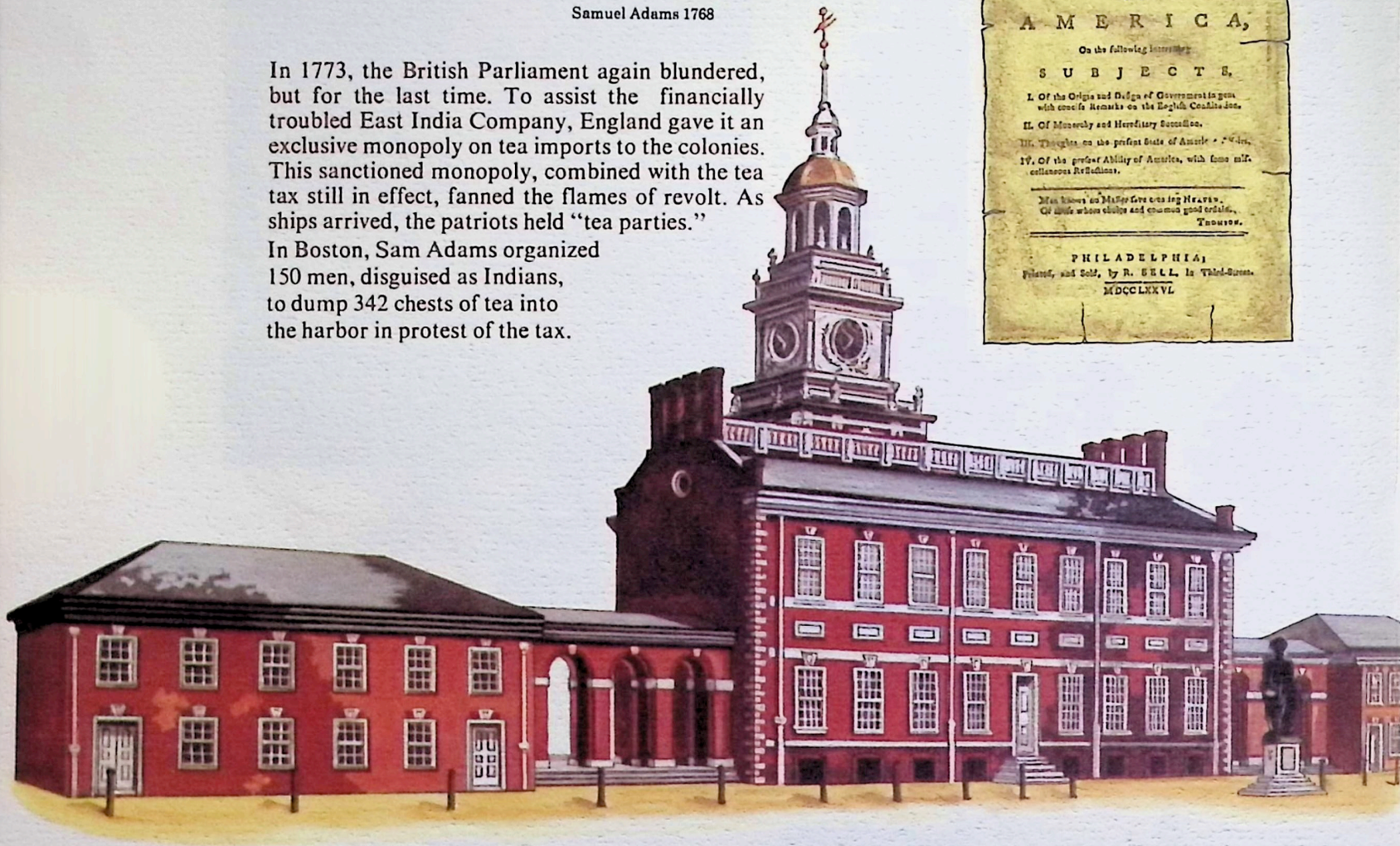

Independence Hall — Philadelphia

This act was repeated in other colonial ports and was, according to the British, "the most wanton and unprovoked insult offered to a civil power . . . recorded in history." King George III knew what had to be done: "Suppress the revolt with troops, do not negotiate, make America obey."

The line had been drawn and the flames assumed the proportions of an inferno.

In the fall of 1774, delegates from every colony journeyed to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress. The time had finally arrived to display some unity of purpose.

Philadelphia, a booming city of 30,000, greeted her visitors with the jubilant sound of pealing church bells.

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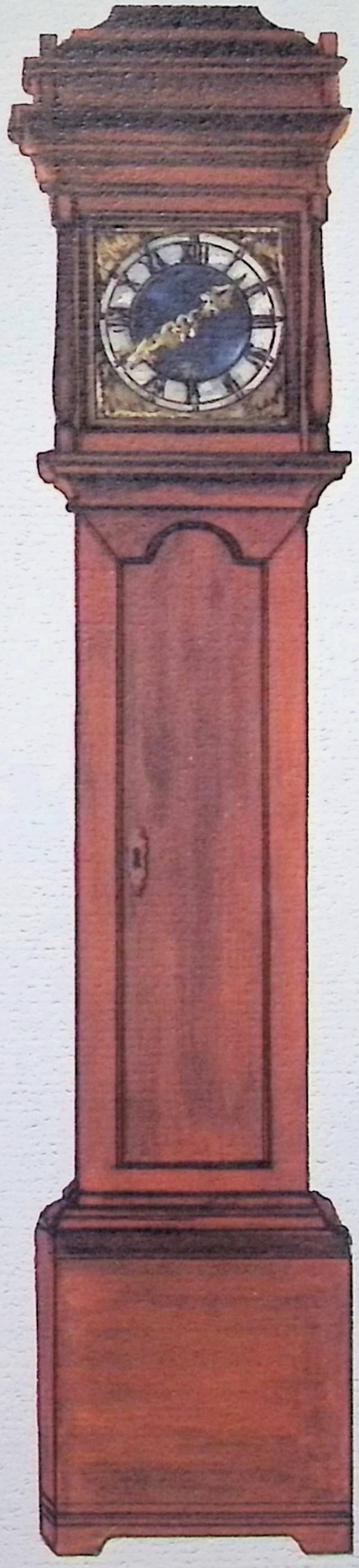


cedures and voting rights, Patrick Henry jumped to his feet, saying, "Let free men be represented by numbers alone . . . there are no distinctions HERE . . . I am not a Virginian, I am an American."

The Congress put forth a set of resolutions similar to Massachusetts' "Suffolk Resolves," stating colonial rights to life, liberty and property, the rights to free assembly and exclusive power to determine taxation and internal policy. Thirteen acts of Parliament were declared illegal. Economic boycotts were to be brought against England, until such time of their repeal. All future imports from England were to cease!

During the winter months of 1774, tension ran high in Boston. More and more of King George's troops arrived. As cold weather also arrived, it became impractical for the troops to quarter on the Commons. General Thomas Gage, the British Commander, tried to hire labor to build huts, but to no avail. Unemployment was high, the British wages good but few Bostonians responded with any spirit of cooperativeness.

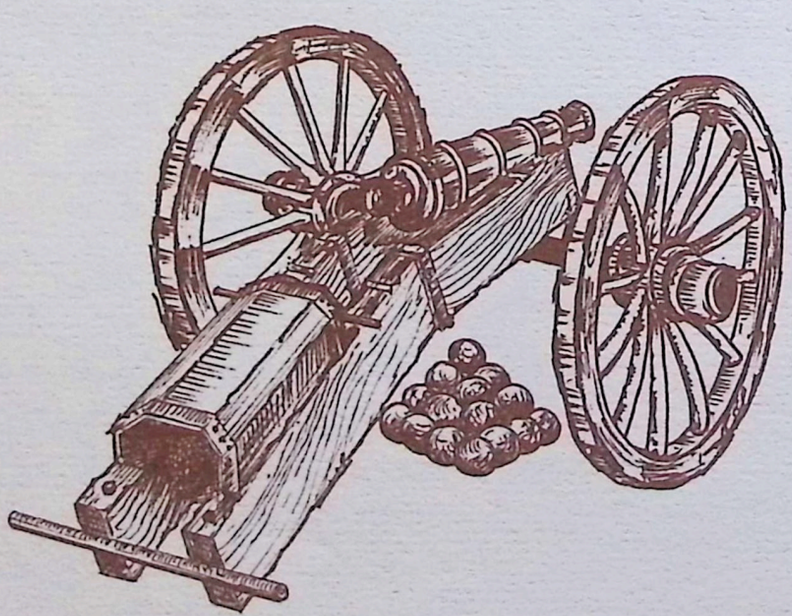
Keeping up the troops' morale was difficult, so marches were made across the bay to "the interior." On one such march, American arms and powder were confiscated by the British at Cambridge and Charlestown; the reaction to these forays was the organization of the Committee of Safety.

John Hancock, a wealthy merchant and shipper, was selected to head the group. The Committee was given the power to call out the militia — of the entire colony if necessary — at any sign of

distress. Each unit of men had a few who were subject to instant call. They were designated "Minutemen." The Committee set about procuring arms and provisions for up to 15,000 militiamen, choosing Concord as a suitable depot because of its distance from the British troops in Boston.

The spring of 1775 brought British retaliation with new acts forbidding the colonies to trade anywhere except with England or the British West Indies. New England fishing boats were forbidden to fish the North Atlantic waters.

General Gage now faced the difficult task of enforcing these new acts of Parliament while at the same time trying to pacify the Massachusetts colony — an obviously impossible task. The concern of the Committee of Safety was soon



y and the pursuit of Happiness — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted a-

"Perhaps I do not go too far when I say that next to the introduction of Christianity among mankind, the American Revolution may prove the most important step in the progressive course of Human improvement."

Richard Price 1770

aroused by the large troop movements being made outside Boston, and arrangements were made with patriots to warn the Committee if at any time more than 500 British troops left the city's garrison.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere, was awakened and warned of British activities. While being rowed across Charles Harbor, Revere looked for and found his signal — two lanterns in the spire of Old North Church, the sign that the British were moving in force, by water.

Revere's main objective was to warn John Hancock and Sam Adams, who were staying in the Hancock-Clarke House in Lexington. After doing so he joined William Dawes and Samuel Prescott; soon they were ambushed by a British patrol and Revere was captured. He was later released without his horse. By that time, however, others had warned "every Middlesex village and farm."

General Gage's men were not in the best of moods: being aroused soon after going to bed, rowing across the Charles river, disembarking into knee deep water and standing for two hours in the cold night before marching off to Lexington-Concord had made them anxious, to say

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Old North Church

the least. All night long the sounds of bells ringing in the distance and men running through the woods kept them on edge. Arriving in the early morning on Lexington Green under the command of Captain John Pitcairn, the British troops faced two companies of Minutemen commanded by Captain John Parker.

The situation was not promising for the Americans, so Captain Parker ordered his troops to disband. Major Pitcairn, meanwhile, ordered his men to form a line but "on no account to fire or even attempt it without orders."

Who fired the first shot will never be known, but after the skirmish was over, 8 American patriots lay dead. The remaining militia scattered and the British marched on to Concord.

The Minutemen waiting in the grey dawn along the road into Concord had just received the news of Lexington Green when they saw the approach of the scarlet-coated British troops. The Americans withdrew to a hill to watch the British move into Concord. Major Pitcairn ordered the troops to secure the town and search for hidden arms.

Three companies were sent to hold the North Bridge. From the hill the Americans saw smoke and presumed the town was being put to the torch. They marched on to North Bridge. This time there was no doubt who fired the first shot.

In defense of the bridge, the British fired a charge of volleys; the first American to be killed at Concord was Issac Davis. The fire was most accurately returned, and soon the British were routed. As they began falling back, fresh patriots were arriving from distant places to replace others who "ran out of powder and went home."

Considering the number of shots fired, the casualties were relatively few; only 72 soldiers were killed of the more than 2,000 men who had been fired upon.

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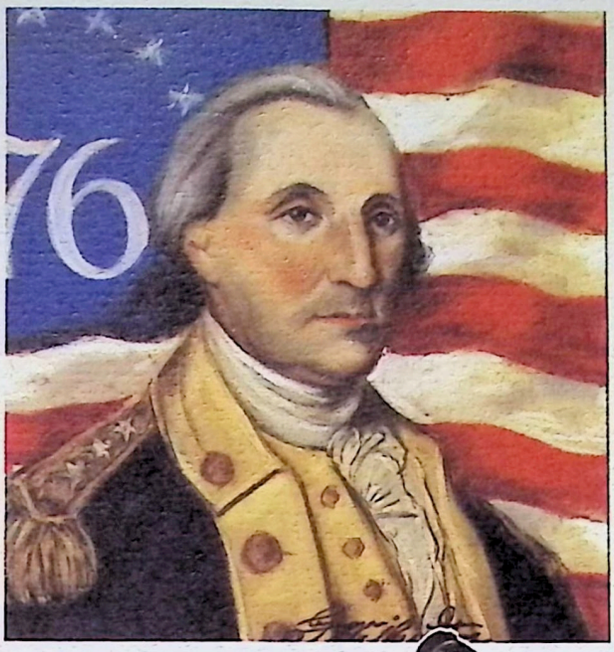


By mid-May these new troops formed the New England Army. In Boston General Gage waited patiently and passively for the hour of conflict.

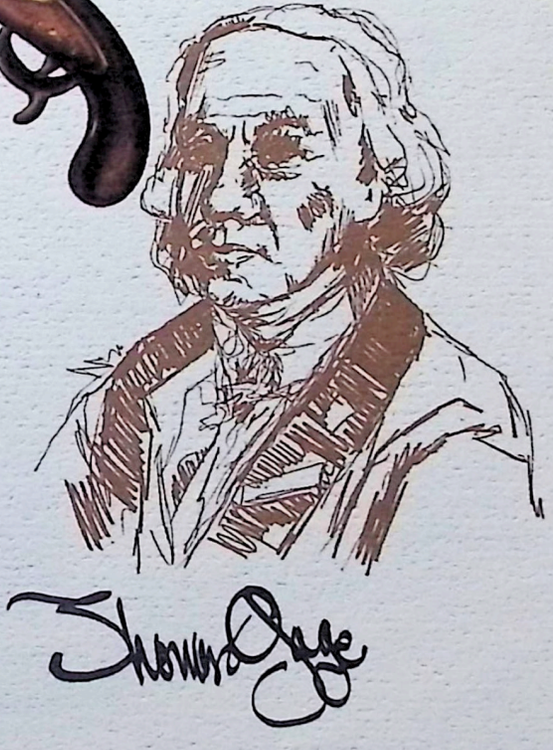
It came on May 10, 1775, with an assault on old Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, assisted by Benedict Arnold and some Connecticut troops, quickly overran the small British garrison; although the fort itself was situated on a "useless piece of land," within lay a vast array of artillery.

June 17, 1775, the first major encounter between British and American forces occurred above Charlestown, across the river from Boston. The Americans intended to entrench on Bunker Hill, but, in the dark, they mistakenly dug into Breed's Hill, a position closer to the water and therefore to the British gunboats. Later it was called "The Battle of Bunker Hill," even though little fighting took place there.

The events of April 19, 1775, ushered a new order into America. The cautious, the moderate, the conservative elements joined with the extreme and the liberal to form a common bond. They promised to defend each other with "their lives and their fortunes."

The War had begun!

Soon the colonies of North and South Carolina were raising money and troops to join the cause. The most immediate action, however, came from Massachusetts' northern neighbors: from Connecticut, Israel Putnam brought 3,000 men, including the Governor's own foot guards led by Benedict Arnold; Rhode Island sent troops commanded by handsome Nathaniel Green; New Hampshire sent the old Indian fighter Colonel John Stark with a force of "rugged men."



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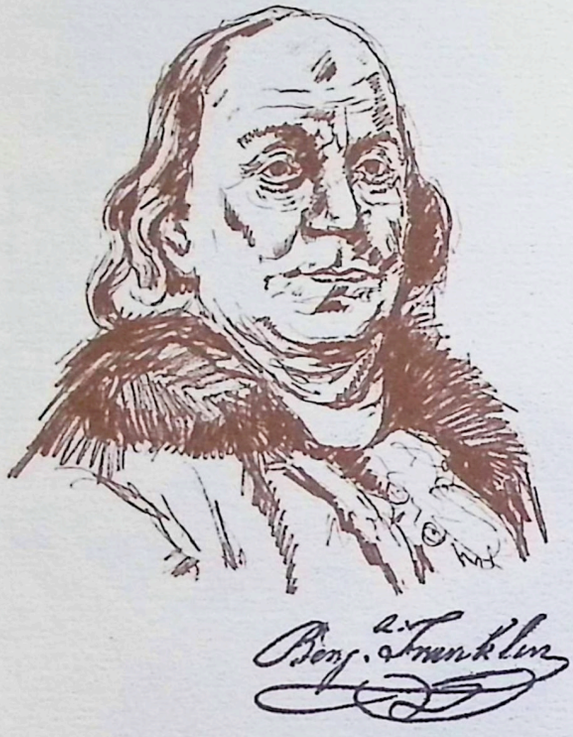
"Yes, we must indeed all hang together or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Benjamin Franklin 1776



Poor planning also sent them with no provisions for food or extended ammunition. Early in the morning General Gage ordered the gunboats to lay seige to the Hill. After an all morning shelling, the city of Charlestown was ablaze, and even seasoned troops would have been justified in giving ground. The green American troops remained, however, forcing the British troops to cross the Charles River and begin a frontal assault. Three times the Americans repelled the attack; finally, having spent their ammunition, they retreated across the small neck of the Peninsula to the safety of the mainland.

It had been a costly lesson for the British; of the 2,300 men in the assault, 1,054 were dead or wounded. Had the British chosen to cut off the retreat route, it would have been a costly blow to the American cause; however, governed as they were by the gentlemanly tradition of warfare they had known in countless wars with the French, the English chose instead to gallantly assault the entrenched Americans from the front. As a result, the British marched with honor to defeat. If victory was ever to be theirs, English generals would have to alter their tactics.

On the same day in Philadelphia the Second Continental Congress also made history. John Adams presented before the delegates his "Grand Plan" for a Continental Army, consisting of soldiers from every colony. He went on to nominate Colonel George Washington as its commanding general.

Discussion lasted two days before Thomas Jefferson, presiding that day as head of the Congress, was asked to inform George Washington, Esq. of "the unanimous vote . . . to be Commanding General and Commander-in-Chief of the forces to be raised in defense of American liberty."

Washington, concerned about his inexperience with such an "extensive and important trust," accepted the responsibility with humility and some reservation. "As no pecuniary consideration could have tempted me to have accepted this arduous employment . . .," he stated, "I do not wish to make a profit from it."

The Congress made one final effort in July, 1775, to settle the differences between the Crown and the colonies. The "Olive Branch" petition, as it was called, was signed by 25 of the same men who a year later would sign the Declaration of Independence. King George refused to see the bearer of this document, William Penn's grandson, Richard.

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General Washington worked through the fall of '75, reviewing his military assets and liabilities. He visited the various commanders and built confidence in his "chain of command." Recruiting was difficult because many had enlisted for only eight months and would have to be talked into re-enlisting. The only arms they had were their personal rifles. The present extent of Washington's artillery was that captured from the British at Ticonderoga, 300 wilderness miles away from Boston where it was needed.

During the December 31st attack on the citadel city of Quebec, a devastating defeat was suffered by the American armies in the north and many fine troops were wasted in the deadly cold and snow. General Richard Montgomery was killed and Colonel Benedict Arnold was wounded.

It was a demoralized force that retreated back through the ice and snow down the St. Lawrence to old Fort Ticonderoga that January, and only through the courage displayed by Arnold were they able to persevere. Later that spring the British sent a flotilla with additional men into Canada.

In Boston, General Howe quietly replaced General Gage as British Commander.

While Boston lay blockaded to the East, and the Northern armies of Benedict Arnold licked their wounds and tried to regroup after defeat, the Continental Congress debated what the next course of action should be for the colonies in their relationship with England.

Conservatives were afraid that any further talk of Independence would "mean suicide" for the colonies. They argued that it had been the English Parliament and not the King that had injured them. About this time, the Englishman Thomas Paine, newcomer to the colonies and friend of Ben Franklin, issued a pamphlet entitled "Common Sense."

Here for the first time the thoughts John Adams had voiced were articulated in every day language for everyone to read. An attack on the very institution of Royalty, "Common Sense" helped promote the idea of independence as a concept to be sought by all people.

Early in the spring of 1776, King George's message to Parliament reached the colonies. The few remaining conservative elements in Congress who believed a reconciliation was possible were most disturbed. The colonies' protest for rights was labeled a "desperate conspiracy to establish an independent empire."

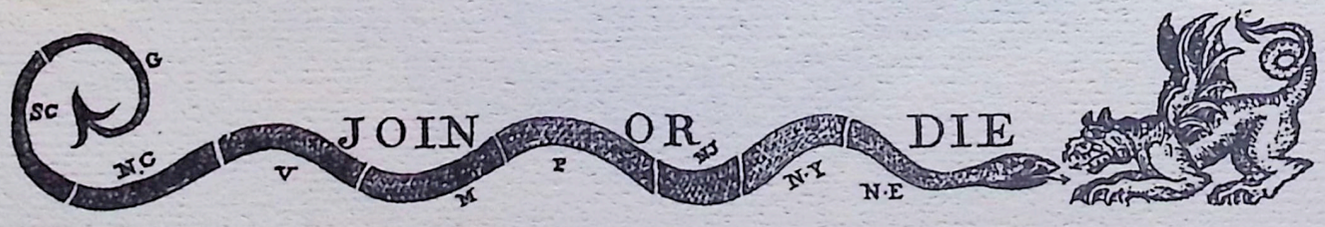
England hired mercenaries from central Germany to fight in the colonies under the British flag.

The only good news that spring was that Henry Knox, with a group of teamsters and oxen, had delivered 59 excellent field pieces of every description and size to Boston after weeks of journey through treacherous snow from Fort Ticonderoga.

After one surprise bombardment, the British evacuated their troops from Boston. The Americans' joy was overshadowed by the realization that the British would return — perhaps landing.

Accepting resolutions from the delegates of the thirteen colonies, Congress appointed a committee to draft a response to the Crown, against such time as a vote for independence should take place.

Forming the committee were John Adams, cousin of the militant Sam Adams; Benjamin Franklin, the learned doctor, printer, statesman and writer;



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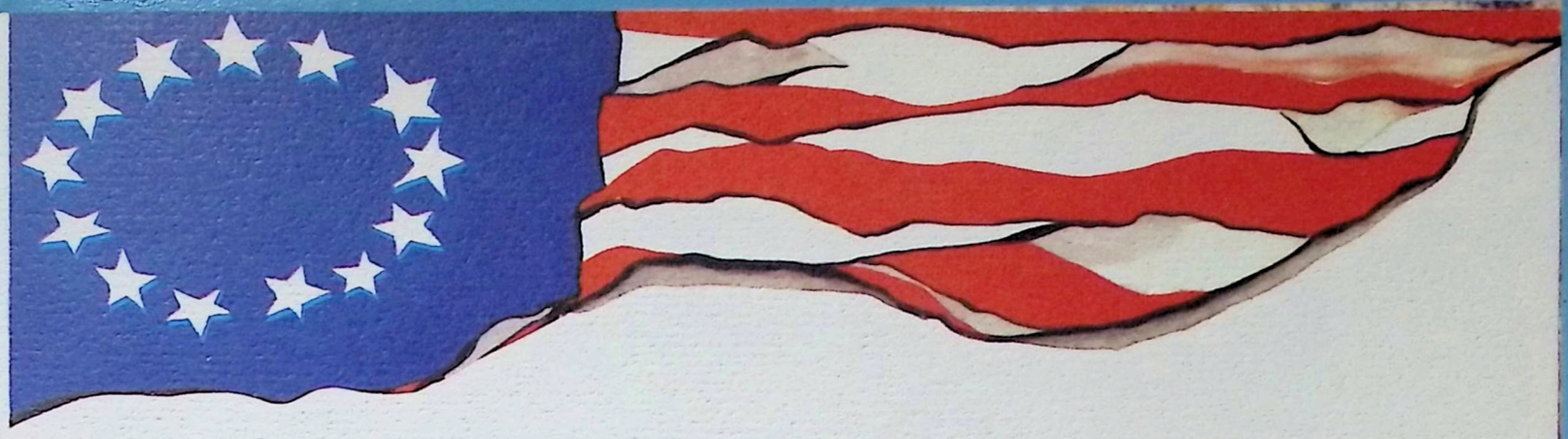

Thomas Jefferson, the thirty-three year old lawyer from Virginia who brought with him a reputation for literature, science, and a happy talent for composition; Roger Sherman from Connecticut; and Robert R. Livingston of New York. The actual task of drafting the paper fell to Jefferson, who protested that he already had pressing business in Williamsburg — that of drafting a workable constitution for Virginia. The protestations were waved aside, and he was left alone to choose the words that would create a new republic. Occasionally during those "days before July," Franklin or another colleague would visit to offer a minor change. On or about the 28th of June, Jefferson copied his "rough draft," on which all later major changes were noted. The copy was presented to Congress the "First day of July," 1776.

The Declaration was read and opened for debate. John Dickenson of Pennsylvania strongly objected to the document: "I had rather forfeit popularity forever, than vote away the blood and happiness of my countryman . . . it is like destroying our house in winter . . . before we have another shelter." Thus argued the man who would later defend America as a private in the Continental Army. John Adams spoke later in the day, as lightning crashed and driving rain pounded the Philadelphia State House. Nature herself, it seemed, suffered the selfsame pangs as those locked in heated debate within. The following day, as more delegates arrived, the vote for independence was taken and approved. Now it remained to vote for the Declaration itself, which would explain to the world why the fight for independence was necessary.

"Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered: yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine 1776

On this anniversary day, two hundred years ago, July 4, 1776, a bellman was waiting in the steeple of the red brick State House for a signal from a boy stationed at the door below. On the bell was an inscription from Leviticus: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof". Early in the evening, the boy clapped his hands and shouted, "Ring! Ring!"

It was a jubilant sound signaling the colonies' proclamation of freedom, yet doleful in its warning of the dangers which lay ahead. A new nation would now have to earn its declared freedom. To do so its citizens pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

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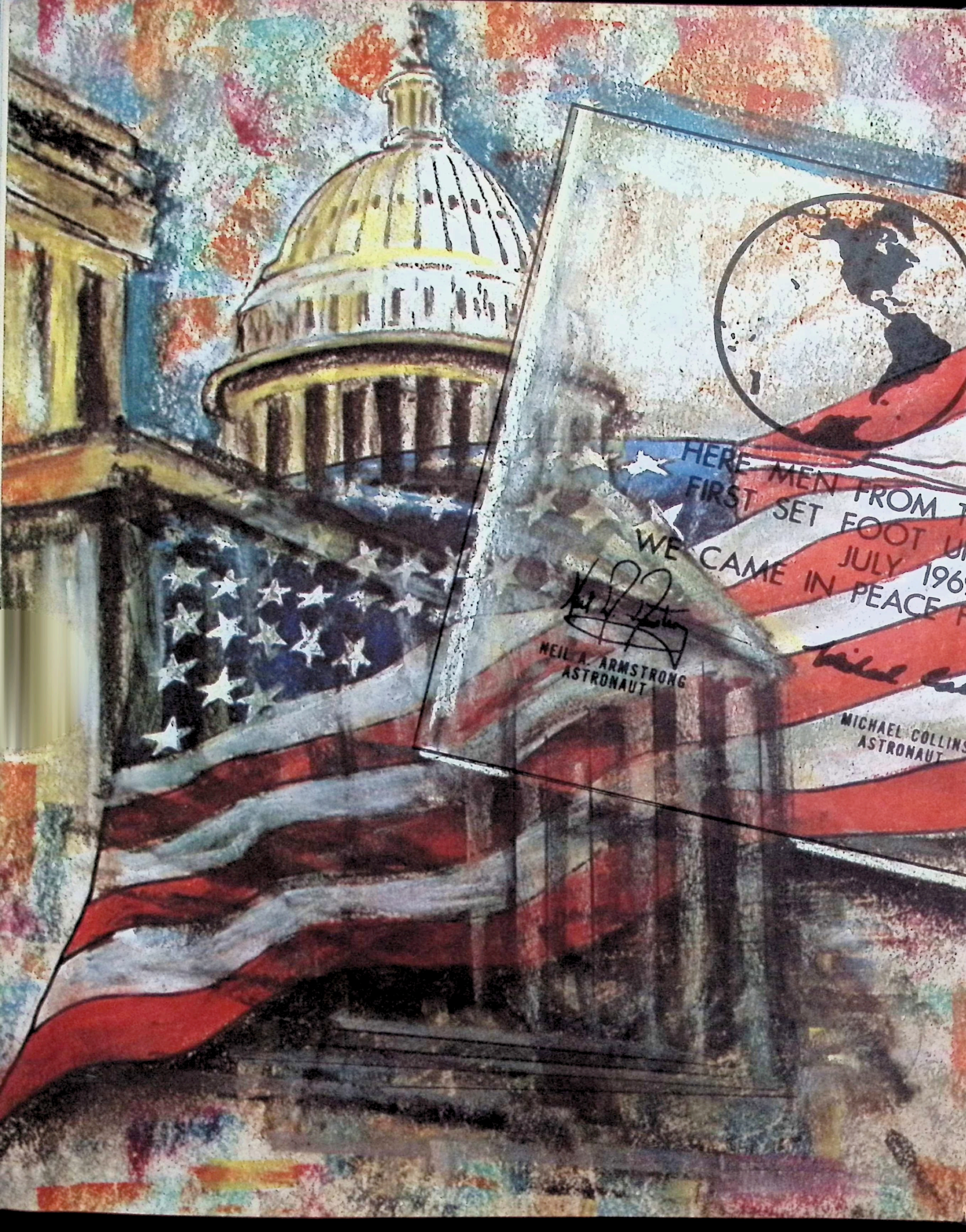
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners, refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended legislation: — For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury: A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.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